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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm delighted to welcome you to the summer issue of the *Lycoming Magazine* and to share a few opening thoughts.

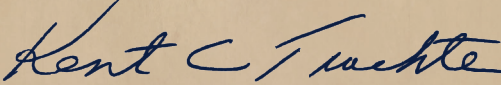
Since my appointment in November, I visited campus on numerous occasions to meet with faculty, students, staff and members of the board of trustees. Each visit reaffirmed and deepened my initial impression of Lycoming as a special place – one that makes a meaningful difference in the lives of its students and alumni.

Earlier this summer, I had the opportunity to greet members of the Class of 2017 during New Student Orientation. The new students and their parents told me that they are excited to join Lycoming College and eager to participate in all that Lycoming has to offer – conducting research with faculty members, engaging the residential life of the campus and volunteering in the community. Together, students, parents and I will begin our first year with great enthusiasm.

I see Lycoming as an educational institution with both a distinguished past and an exciting future. Since its founding in 1812 in the aftermath of the American Revolution, the college has played an important role in educating citizens to participate in our nation's democracy while also preparing them to enter their professions. More recently, under the leadership of President James Douthat, Lycoming has built impressive financial strength and become recognized as a national liberal arts and sciences college.

As my presidency begins, we have the opportunity to dream boldly and set forth on the path toward even greater excellence. During the coming year, we will work together to develop a strategic plan that will provide our blueprint for achieving the prominence and recognition that Lycoming rightly deserves.

I look forward to meeting and engaging the alumni and friends of Lycoming to hear your ideas about the future of the college. During the fall semester, I will do an "alumni tour." I hope that you will join me in a dialogue about the exciting possibilities for Lycoming.



Kent C. Trachte
President



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Top awards presented

Lycoming College presented its top four awards during Honors Convocation on April 13.

David Fisher, Ph.D., professor and department chair of physics and astronomy, was the recipient of the 2013 Constance Cupp Plankenhorn Alumni Award for Faculty Excellence. His research areas include condensed matter physics, radiation damage in crystalline



Lycoming recognized co-curricular student achievement on campus during its seventh annual Leadership and Service Awards Banquet on April 10. The Seuren Leadership Speaker Series address was given by then-President James Douthat. Andrea Seuren '76 established the speaker series in 2007 in memory of her parents.

and amorphous materials at low temperature, and space flight history.

Seth Goodman, assistant professor of art, received the 2013 Junior Faculty Teaching Award for excellence in teaching. He teaches painting, drawing, two-dimensional design and color theory. Goodman exhibits his paintings, drawings and mixed media work nationally and internationally. His major topics of research deal with issues relating to American social class and its relationship with expressions of identity.

Brittany Tasch, student life coordinator and assistant for residential education, received the Makisu Award, which the student body presents to a faculty or staff member for extraordinary service and dedication.

John Ryan Wolff, of Morrisville, Pa., received the annual Chieftain Award. First presented in 1952, the award is the highest honor given to a graduating senior. Wolff, who earned bachelor's degree in finance and management in May, was a member of the men's basketball team, resident adviser, Campus Activities Board member and worked for the Rec Center. This year, he created the first Warrior Extreme Challenge, which had more than 100 participants take part in an obstacle course on campus. Wolff now works for Precision Castparts Corp., headquartered in Portland, Ore.

Bennett named acting vice president

Jeff Bennett '94 has been appointed Lycoming's acting vice president for finance and administration. He replaces Sue Gaylor, who was named executive vice president at Allegheny College.

Bennett, who earned a bachelor's degree in financial accounting, has been Lycoming's controller and chief financial officer/treasurer since August 2012. He came to the college from ParenteBeard LLC, Williamsport, where he had been a certified public accountant since 1994.

As acting vice president for finance and administration, Bennett will continue with his current responsibilities as controller and treasurer and will oversee human resources, the campus store, mail services, print shop, food services and the operations of the physical plant.



Jeff Bennett '94

Gregory promoted to director of library services

Alison Gregory '97 has been promoted to associate dean and director of library services at Lycoming's John G. Snowden Memorial Library.

Since 2005, she had served as assistant professor and instructional services librarian and coordinator of information literacy and outreach. She replaces Janet McNeil Hurlbert, who retired in June.



Alison Gregory '97

Gregory also has been elected to serve as the secretary of the faculty for 2013-14, is the Class of 2014 adviser and the past president of the college's chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Gregory earned a bachelor's degree in history from Lycoming and a master's of science degree in library science at Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

Richmond recognized with award

Kerry Richmond, Ph.D., assistant professor of criminal justice at Lycoming, received the second Berthold Research and Information Competencies Award from the college.

The award is given annually to a faculty member who has



Kerry Richmond

exhibited a commitment to research and information competencies in assignments, collaboration, curriculum, professional development and scholarship.

Richmond's research interests focus on the effectiveness of correctional programming to promote the reintegration of offenders, specifically females.

Lycoming to start community orchestra

The Lycoming College Community Orchestra, a new ensemble for local amateur musicians, is being created thanks to a \$15,000 grant from the

Lincoln document found



While cleaning out his office, retiring President James Douthat found a framed certificate signed in 1862 by President Abraham Lincoln that named Benjamin Crever, the college's founder, as a Civil War chaplain. The certificate, also signed by Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, is being stored in the College Archives while preservation plans are under way. An Associated Press story about the find drew worldwide coverage.

Chinese delegates visit campus



Several delegates from Hunan International Economics University in China visited campus in June in an effort to bolster our international relationship with their institution. From left are Shannon Bolin '15, an admissions tour guide; Xuecai Li, chief financial officer; Zhao Li, vice president; Fangping Zhang, university president and his wife; and Jason Moran '04, Lycoming's director of admissions. HIEU is the second-largest private university in China, with a student body of 27,000.

Williamsport Lycoming Community Fund at the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania.

"There was a need shown for artistic and cultural opportunities in the region," said William Ciabattari, Ph.D., assistant professor and chair of the music department and director of bands at Lycoming, who also will conduct the new orchestra.

The orchestra will perform a couple of free concerts a year and target people who played in high school or college but now find themselves without an outlet to perform.

Ciabattari, who earned a master's degree in tuba from the Cleveland Institute of Music and a Ph.D. in music education from Case Western Reserve University, was appointed director

of bands at Lycoming in 2006. He will be assisted by Bill Muller, viola, and Lycoming faculty members Riana Muller, violin; Andrew Rammon, cello; and Tim Breon, bass.



William Ciabattari

Inaugural High School Teacher of Excellence Award presented

The inaugural Lycoming College High School Teacher of Excellence Award was presented to Jill Dean of Central High School in Martinsburg, Pa., during the college's 165th commencement ceremony May 5. Dean, who teaches anatomy, biology and chemistry, was nominated by biology major, Jordan Krebs '13.



Jordan Krebs '13

In recognition of Dean's honor, students from Central High School who enroll at Lycoming during the 2014-15 academic year will receive a \$5,000 *Teacher of Excellence Scholarship* for four consecutive years.

The award was created by Lycoming's Office of Admissions, which asked seniors to nominate one of their high school teachers who has made a significant educational impact on their lives and supported them in pursuit of a post-secondary education.

Krebs has accepted a position at the National Institutes of Health within its genomics and immunity section and will later begin the M.D./Ph.D. program funded by the NIH.

Woodruff Grand Jury Prize awarded

Lycoming held its fourth Digital Media Video Annual on April 9, at the Community Arts Center in downtown Williamsport. The event included screenings of short narrative, documentary, animation and experimental films by Lycoming students.

The Woodruff Grand Jury Prize, established by Tom '80 and Tami (Spitler) '81 Woodruff Jr., went to *Williamsport Fire* by Tom Lurie, whose work also won the award for best documentary and audience favorite. Other awards were presented to *Hott Zaaq/570* by Jehiel Boner and John Piazza, best narrative; *Girl Talk* by Chelsea Moore, best experimental; and *The Lonely Dog* by Lindsey Scott, best animation.

A native of Montoursville, Pa., Tom Woodruff garnered an Academy Award for his special effects work on the Meryl Streep film "Death Becomes Her" and also received Academy Award nominations for "Starship Troopers" and "Alien 3."

Student paper to be published in textbook

A paper written by three Lycoming psychology students will be published in the upcoming Cengage Learning textbook, *Writing Our World*.

The study, "Sitting Comfort: The Impact of Different Chairs on Anxiety," was written by Jenna Baker, Ashlynn Beacker and Courtney Young during a psychology class taught by Kathy Ryan, Ph.D. It was published in the 2011 spring issue of *Schemata*, the college's online journal of student writing.

According to Shanna Wheeler, assistant director of the Academic Resource Center and *Schemata* adviser, Cengage plans to republish the paper as an example of good student writing. The study examined the extent to which different chairs influence anxiety.

Bob Yagelski, the author of *Writing Our World*, said he found the paper while



Jenna Baker, left, and Ashlynn Beacker are shown sitting on the desk they used in a psychology class experiment.

doing an Internet search for sample student papers in different academic disciplines. The book is scheduled to be published this fall.

"My textbook is intended for first-year writing courses, and it includes many examples of writing to illustrate different aspects of effective writing," said Yagelski, who also is associate professor of English education at the University of Albany, State University of New York. "I think the students' paper provides a good example of a conventional introduction that is straightforward, clear and focused."

Behind the brew

Students in Lycoming's Institute for Management Studies received a rare, behind-the-scenes look at Tröegs Brewery in Hershey at the end of the spring semester. The group was greeted at the door by John Trogner Jr. '68, who serves as the company's treasurer and is a Lycoming trustee. Day-to-day operations of the family-owned and operated business are handled by John and Roni (Bennett) '69 Trogner's sons, John III and Chris.

Chris provided the students with a brief history of the company, which opened its doors in Harrisburg in June 1997. That year, they had no other employees and produced 350 barrels of beer. The brewery moved to its Hershey location in 2008 and by 2012, it had approximately 130 employees and was producing 45,000 barrels per year.

"We still wear a lot of hats here and do a little bit of everything, but a lot has changed," Chris said. "Our first location served us very well for the first couple years, but we just outgrew the room. We also didn't have a lot of ability to do retail."

When searching for a new site, Chris said he and his brother were looking for the obvious things that a brewery needs – ceiling height for equipment and truck access.

"We also really wanted to find a spot that had the ability to do a big tasting room and open up the brewery so you could see everything," Chris said. "And you could take a guided tasting tour or a self-guided tour, which is open all day long to the public, where you can



Trustee John Troegner Jr. '68 (far right), treasurer of Tröegs Brewery, hosted members of Lycoming's Institute for Management Studies during their visit to the company's facility in Hershey, Pa.

leisurely walk the path and check out the brewing process.”

Today, Tröegs is available in eight mid-Atlantic states plus Washington, D.C. Chris says their best-selling beer is the Tröegs Perpetual, followed by the Troegenator.

“That’s not by design, that’s just by what people pull,” he said. “But Perpetual is huge for us. Its bitterness is very high. If you went and asked the retailer what beer you should make, nine out of 10 times they’re going to tell you a light beer because it’s what people want, but for us it’s the opposite. When people go to a small brewery, they usually want something that’s flavorful.”

Chris says that their HopBack Amber Ale is more aromatic and historically had been Tröegs’ top seller. It was overpassed by the introduction of Perpetual last year.

“Those dynamics, we can’t really control,” he said. “We can kind of push things that we want to, but it ultimately comes down to what consumers want. They’re the ones who are going to tell us what our flagships beers are.”

Stop bugging me

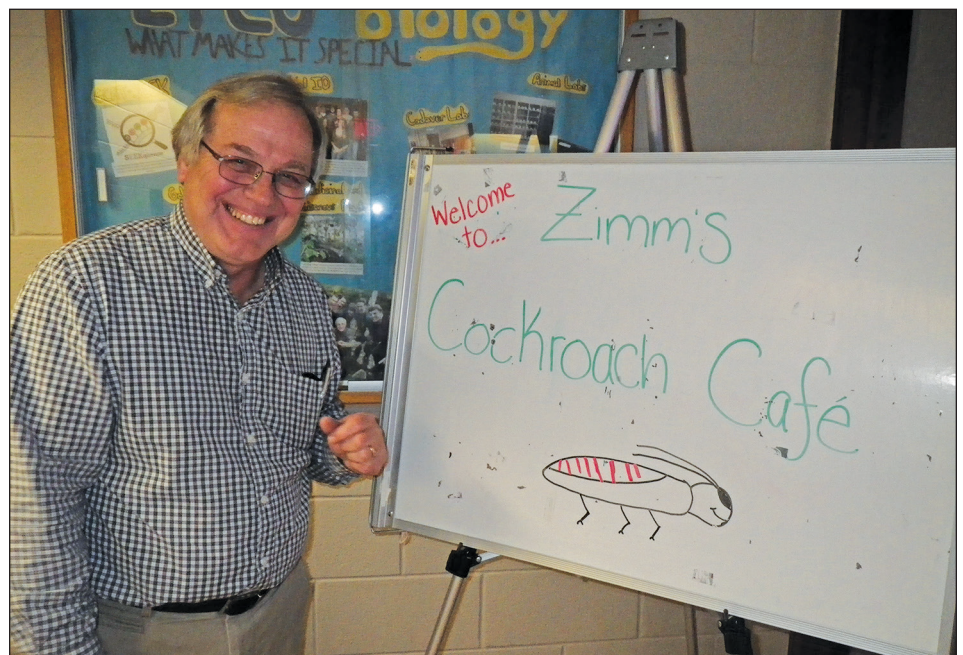
Students in professor Mel Zimmerman’s Invertebrate Zoology class were in a room infested with insects – the edible kind.

As part of Zimmerman’s final lab for the class, students cooked up invertebrates to eat as part of a lesson in entomophagy, the consumption of insects,

which has been around for thousands of years in some cultures. According to Zimmerman, it is estimated today that more than half of the people of the world eat a variety of flying, crawling and biting bugs.

“Not only do these insects apparently taste good, but they’re an inexpensive and nutritious food source,” Zimmerman said. “Eating insects is a way to get a high protein food source – rather than fight them as pests, eat them!”

The menu for “Zimm’s Cockroach Café” featured bacon and cheddar crickets, barbecue mealworms, pickled weaver ant eggs, shrimp, dried cuttlefish, crayfish tails, scallops, octopus and clams. For dessert, there were lollipops with a dried cricket inside.



Biology professor Mel Zimmerman hosted “Zimm’s Cockroach Café,” which served items such as bacon and cheddar crickets and barbecue mealworms.

5 QUESTIONS



Mary Morrison, Ph.D.
Assistant professor
of biology

“Neuroscience is a growing field worldwide. We live in an era of unprecedented access to the brain, thanks to technological advances in microscopic imaging and genetic engineering.”

When did you first become interested in science?

The first time I remember being drawn to science as a dynamic process, rather than as a list of facts or a series of predetermined instructions, was during a middle school project on archaeology. Mr. Sugamele pushed all the desks to the outside of the room, and for about a week we students had to conduct a “dig” to explore his manmade reduced-scale archaeological site. I have to thank him for opening up a whole new world of career possibilities, and making me realize that people with passion can discover new things that go way beyond what’s written in textbooks.

What has been your most rewarding project or accomplishment at Lycoming?

I’m proud of the new biology department curriculum, with its multiple-track system that gives our students more flexibility to prepare for graduate and medical school. I’m proud of the developmental neuroscience research group I’ve created here, with alumni who have gone on to training in clinical neurology, basic neuroscience research, veterinary school, dental school and medical technology positions. And I’m especially proud of the new interdisciplinary neuroscience minor, a collaborative effort between the biology, psychology, sociology and philosophy departments, which will launch in fall 2013.

What do you enjoy most about teaching biology?

I love all of the “a ha” moments. Working with undergraduate students is wonderful. Most of what they are learning is new and exciting to them. Seeing their excitement when they make connections between concepts they’ve learned in different classes, or when they find bridges between the primary scientific literature and what they are discovering in the lab with their own hands, is priceless.

What are you currently working on?

My current project is bringing the latest neuroscience research on learning into daily practice, for all of my courses. It’s not enough to present information – real education involves giving students a chance to practice and challenge what

they think they’ve learned, to go right up to the edge of our current state of knowledge and ask what’s next and what we need to do to go further.

In the research lab, we are finishing up some work on the development of Purkinje neurons in the cerebellum – the wrinkly part at the back of our brain that coordinates motion and balance. The function of these Purkinje neurons depends heavily on their structure. They have highly-branched extensions called dendrites that collect information about body position in space and time. When these dendrites don’t develop properly, or when they begin to degenerate, they cause cerebellar ataxias – lack of coordination of movement, including loss of the ability to read. My research group’s goal is to understand the development and degeneration of these Purkinje neuron dendrites, so that maybe someday we’ll be able to stop degeneration, or even trigger restoration of dendrites that have become abnormal.

As the co-coordinator of the new neuroscience minor, why do you believe this growing field is so important?

Neuroscience is a growing field worldwide. We live in an era of unprecedented access to the brain, thanks to technological advances in microscopic imaging and genetic engineering. For students headed for health professions, a broad-based knowledge of neuroscience will help them to diagnose, treat and motivate their clients. Particularly for premedical students, the new neuroscience minor will help them to prepare for the new version of the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) that will be administered starting in 2015.

About Morrison

Morrison earned a bachelor’s degree in molecular biology from Princeton University in 1986 and a Ph.D. in microbiology from Columbia University in 1993, where she also was a postdoctoral fellow in neuroscience. Morrison has studied the development of the cerebellum, a brain region responsible for balance and coordination of motion, and has supervised numerous students doing independent studies and honors projects involving projects relating to brain development.

A photograph of President Kent and Sharon Trachte standing in front of a college building. President Kent is on the right, wearing a dark blue pinstripe suit, a light blue shirt, and a patterned tie. Sharon is on the left, wearing a grey blazer over a dark blue top and a gold necklace. They are both smiling. The background shows a large, light-colored building with a clock tower and green trees.

Greet^{the} Trachtes

President Kent and Sharon Trachte

Kent Trachte loves to compete. With that comes a relentless drive and determination to succeed in all that he does. And if his past achievements are any indication, Lycoming College's future under his presidency will be eventful and exciting.

Trachte's competitive spirit was nurtured in De Pere, Wis., a small town just outside Green Bay. His father, James, was a social studies teacher and also served as the boys' basketball coach at De Pere High School. He later became school principal and eventually was promoted to superintendent.

"My mother would always say, 'Your father has a very public role, so don't embarrass us,'" Trachte said.

And he did not disappoint.

Like many teenagers, he loved playing sports. Trachte became the starting quarterback in football and played both guard and forward in basketball. He remembers admiring Bart Starr, the legendary quarterback who led the Green Bay Packers to multiple NFL championships, including Super Bowls I and II.

Trachte also has a passion for the game of golf. His dad introduced him to the game at age 11, and he has played continuously for 40 years, including on his high school and college teams.

An engaged student, Trachte found time to quench his ever-growing thirst for knowledge by giving extemporaneous speeches as a member of De Pere's forensics team. His articulate performances earned him trips to the state competition.

"During that part of my life [high school], I lived in a fishbowl," Trachte said. "I became accustomed to a life where they were not many boundaries between public and private life. I understood that my actions would be scrutinized. Growing up this way helped to prepare me for the public roles that I have held in academia."

Road trip

As a high school sophomore, Trachte was introduced to the idea of attending an Ivy League institution by his biology teacher, who also was his football coach. But growing up in a small town in the Midwest, he admits that he knew very little about the Ivy League and its stellar academic reputations. He had assumed he'd enroll in a small college close to home.

As time passed, however, "My good friend, Mike Stickney, who happened to be the center on the football team, and I both developed an interest in the Ivy League. We came to appreciate what it might mean to attend an Ivy League institution," he said. "The summer between my junior and senior years, my father took the two of us on a road trip. We visited Cornell, Dartmouth and Princeton. Ultimately, I decided to apply to all three of them and decided to attend Dartmouth. Through my combined interest in athletics and academics, that door opened up for me."

And he proudly walked right through. He majored in government and spent two seasons on the men's golf team. Trachte says his interest in studying politics began as a teenager. In high school, he was captivated by Wisconsin's 1968 primary election. President Lyndon B. Johnson had decided to forgo reelection, and the frontrunners included Hubert Humphrey, Robert Kennedy and Eugene McCarthy.

PRIMED & Ready

**Kent Trachte
assumes the helm
as Lycoming's
15th president**

Prior to his appointment at Lycoming, President Trachte spent 25 years as a senior administrator at Franklin & Marshall College.

During a school mock debate, Trachte played the role of Kennedy.

“I remember being very fascinated with the Kennedys as leaders and political figures,” Trachte said. “I went to Dartmouth with an inclination to study politics, but this interest was confirmed when I took a comparative politics course with professor Henry Ehrmann, who, at that time, was recognized as one of the two or three leading experts in French politics in the U.S. The way that he introduced different political systems, philosophies of governance and democracy theory absolutely captivated me.”

When Trachte graduated from Dartmouth in 1973, it was a contentious time in American politics. Among his memories is the incident at Kent State, where, on May 4, 1970, members of the Ohio National Guard opened fire on unarmed students who were protesting against the Vietnam War and America’s invasion of Cambodia.

“That spring, many college campuses across the country suspended the regular conduct of classes,” said Trachte, who was a member of Dartmouth’s student government. “Many college presidents endorsed statements calling for the end of the war in Vietnam. Because I was interested in politics, I attended events and became engaged in the national debate. The national politics of the period were very much a part of my Dartmouth experience.”

Trachte followed his undergraduate degree with a master’s in international relations from the University of Kentucky in 1975 and a Ph.D. in political science from Binghamton University in 1981. He then embarked on a nine-year teaching career that led him to Clark and Long Island universities and Gettysburg College.

A helping hand

Trachte is quick to recognize that there have been many individuals, including his father and Ehrmann, who have played a role in shaping his academic career path. He also points to professor Maurice (Mickey) East, who taught international relations at Kentucky, and professor Edward Weisband, who directed his doctoral dissertation. During the second year of Trachte’s master’s program, he

was invited by East to collaborate in designing a new course in international organizations. The experience went so well that East invited Trachte to co-teach the course with him.

“That was the first time that I had been in a college classroom as the instructor,” Trachte said. “I found it stimulating and exciting. It was that experience that informed my decision to go into higher education and pursue my Ph.D. in political science and become a faculty member. Clearly, Mickey giving me that opportunity was really a formative moment for me.”

At Binghamton, Weisband became Trachte’s mentor. They collaborated on a paper on the Truman Doctrine that extended work that Weisband had begun in his book, *Word Politics*.

“Edward guided me into the world of scholarly research, taught me how to think holistically about international politics and inspired me to excel as a teacher. He was an extraordinary lecturer and a brilliant scholar.”

He also acknowledges two administrators from Franklin & Marshall College, where he worked the last 25 years, including the last 10 as dean of the college. Alice Drum, who is now vice president of the college emerita, “took a leap of faith,” he said, and hired him for his first administrative post – dean of freshmen. The other is former president John Fry, who led F&M from 2002-10.

“John is the person who helped me to understand how to lead an institution, particularly lead an institution toward the kind of change that makes a difference in the quality of the educational experience students receive and the kinds of students and faculty you can attract. John showed me how to lead an institution toward ‘transformational change.’”

Reimagine

As F&M’s dean of freshmen from 1988-91, Trachte says he had the privilege of working with faculty to develop a first-year seminar program. It involved reimagining how students entered into the intellectual life of the college and the study of the liberal arts.

“It grew into and has remained the starting point for how students enter into the life of the mind at F&M,” he said.

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Education:

- Ph.D., political science, Binghamton University, 1981
- M.A., international relations, University of Kentucky, 1975
- B.A., government, Dartmouth College, 1973

Previous positions:

Franklin & Marshall College

- Dean of the college, 2003-13
- Associate provost and dean for educational services, 2000-03
- Associate vice president and dean of freshmen, 1991-2000
- Dean of freshmen, 1988-91

Gettysburg College

- Visiting associate professor, political science, 1987-88

Long Island University

- Associate professor, political science, 1986-87

Clark University

- Director of international relations program, 1980-86
- Assistant professor, government, 1979-86

Personal:

He and his wife, Sharon, who earned a Ph.D. in French literature from Binghamton University, have been married for 37 years. She recently retired as an associate professor of French literature at Elizabethtown College, where she taught for 26 years. Their family includes son, Kenyon, and his wife, Lucille.

“The college is positioned for us to move in a very strategic and aggressive way to advance the quality of what is offered and achieve recognition as one of the finest liberal arts colleges in this country.”

"I believe the residential liberal arts college is the best form of higher education that has been invented."

As his administrative career continued, Trachte assumed increasing responsibilities. He served as associate vice president and dean of freshmen for nine years and associate provost and dean for educational services for three years before being named dean of the college in 2003.

As dean of the college, one of his most important endeavors was leading an effort to establish F&M's College House System, a residential system led by faculty and governed by students. It represents a distinctive way of connecting students' lives in the residential environment with the liberal arts values that inform the curriculum. He says it represents the completion of the project of reimagining that began with the first-year seminar program.

"It reimagines holistically how students enter into F&M and its liberal arts culture, which permeates both the curriculum and experiences found beyond the boundaries of the formal classroom," he said. "Through these two initiatives the faculty has reshaped the way students experience the liberal arts at F&M."

Primed and ready

When Trachte was named president in mid-November by the board of trustees, he was well aware of Lycoming's 200-year history and how the college had been recently transformed into a national liberal arts and sciences institution under the leadership of the board and President James Douthat. Prior to assuming the helm on July 1, Trachte made numerous trips to Williamsport to acquaint himself with the various members of the campus community. Those meetings, luncheons and one-on-one discussions gave him the perfect opportunity to meet his new teammates – students, faculty, staff,

trustees and alumni – and learn more about this place that means so much to so many people.

He feels well-prepared for his next challenge.

"I believe the residential liberal arts college is the best form of higher education that has been invented," Trachte said. "During my presidency, I want Lycoming College to compete for the greater recognition that it deserves. There is extraordinary potential at this institution."

Lycoming Magazine caught up with Trachte during his first few days on the job.

What is the key to being a successful college leader?

Inspiring the community toward a vision of excellence and then generating the resources needed to bring ideas to fruition.

As a longtime college administrator, what is the most important thing you've learned about leadership?

There is a popular notion that strong leaders are singular figures who do things on their own and deserve credit for what-ever happens. I believe that this is a myth. Rather, the most important thing about leadership is inspiring the whole community to engage and then enabling them to imagine the things that they can do together. It also involves putting in place the organizational structures that make it possible for people to work productively and move in concert. That is the essence of leadership for me – creating an environment where transformational change becomes possible.

What excites you about serving as Lycoming's 15th president?

Having read John Piper's history of Lycoming College, I see it as an institution that has been evolving toward ever-greater excellence since the founding in 1812. I think the institution is positioned to continue that evolution and achieve even greater excellence and recognition. This decade will be a challenging and volatile one in higher education, but Lycoming College has some assets that will allow it not to just

weather this period, but to continue its evolution toward greater excellence. One of those assets is the faculty, which I have had the opportunity to meet during the course of the spring semester. I have learned that the faculty is a dedicated group of teachers and scholars who have a formative influence on the young men and women who attend here. Secondly, thanks to Jim Douthat, Lycoming has the financial strength to meet the challenges of the next decade. I am excited because I think Lycoming can make progress at a time when many institutions are going to find it difficult to maintain their current positions and the quality of education that they offer.

What would you like to convey to the Lycoming College alumni?

Since my appointment, I have discovered just what a special place Lycoming College is in terms of the faculty, staff, students and alumni – the people who compose the college. I have learned about the role it has played in the history of higher education in America and the impact it has on people. It really is a special place. But, like many colleges, it is a special place that is not adequately recognized for just how exceptional it is. Because of the leadership of all who have come before – presidents, trustees, faculty and the alumni – the college is positioned for us to move in a very strategic and aggressive way to advance the quality of what is offered and achieve recognition as one of the finest liberal arts colleges in this country. That is where we are going.

As you settle into your new surroundings, what are your impressions of Williamsport?

Williamsport offers most of the advantages of a big city. There is a thriving arts community, diversity among the population, excellent restaurants, hotels and lots of interesting things to do in the area. Yet, it also offers the close sense of community that you would find in a smaller town. Williamsport offers the sophistication of a city and the connectedness of a small town in a physical setting that is absolutely stunning. It is really unusual to find that combination. For Sharon and me, both of those things are important.



Her Way

**Sharon Trachte, Ph.D.,
brings an international
perspective to Lycoming**

BY JERRY RASHID

At age 8, while growing up in Stamford, Conn., Sharon Trachte's parents enrolled her in a French conversation class. She immediately fell in love with the language and has been captivated by all things French ever since.

This past May marked the 14th consecutive year Sharon and President Trachte have vacationed in the quaint, picturesque village of Montresor, France. It's a special place for both of them. But for Sharon, it has a little extra meaning.

"When you carve out a life like that in a small village each summer, you just have to go back," she said. "We don't think of vacationing in any other place. It helps us reconnect. There are intellectual and linguistic interests for both of us. We read, study and take notes. We actually immerse ourselves in the culture."

"The language to this day blows me away. It's beautiful, it's musical. The French are very poetic in the way that they express themselves. Even as a kid, I heard about French wine, French fashion and cultural things, but what absolutely hooked me and what keeps me going is the language."

During the last 26 years, Trachte had the pleasure of sharing her love of the language with students at Elizabethtown

College, where she recently retired as associate professor of French. Her research interests supported her teaching – connecting cognition, brain research and second language acquisition to improve student learning.

As Trachte settles into her role as Lycoming's newest first lady, she fully anticipates being involved in as many facets of the campus as possible. As one would assume, she plans to attend various events with the president, but don't expect them to be seen together all the time.

"I believe in double-teaming," she said. "That means that I am going to attend functions and establish my own relationship with this campus apart from Kent. I want to get to know the students; I want to get to know the faculty. I'm going to be very independent."

With an interest in creating menus, cooking and the dining experience, Trachte is planning to host many intimate luncheons and dinners at the President's House. Her hope is to coordinate gatherings that will feature a combination of students, faculty, staff and alumni. Everyone will be encouraged to converse, have fun and enjoy one another's company. But her guests should not expect to partake in an extravagant French meal.

"I'm more interested in replicating the structure of the French meal and pro-

viding the pleasure factor that the French believe that you should get whenever they cook and serve a meal," she said.

Trachte also is excited about immersing herself within the Williamsport community.

"I want to be a study-buddy for first graders; I want to be involved in the schools," she said. "I would like to take my teaching background, my research interests in reading and how learners learn, and work with younger kids. There are so many kids today who, by the time they get to the fourth grade, are not at reading level. Most importantly, I want to help them learn how to dream. Maybe a part of their dream will be to attend Lycoming."

She earned a bachelor's degree from Muskingum College and then pursued a master's at the University of Kentucky, which is where the Trachtes met. Together, they attended Binghamton University, and she earned a Ph.D. in French literature.

Sharon and Kent have been married 37 years and have one son, Kenyon. He graduated from Franklin & Marshall College in 2003 and earned a juris doctor from the Dickinson Law School in 2006. Kenyon and his wife, Lucille, a paralegal, work together at the Trachte Law Office in Newburgh, N.Y., which was founded by Paul Trachte, Kent's brother.

INNOVATORS AND entrepreneurs

Three alumni featured during spring symposium

By Dana Borick Brigandi

It was all about the family business during the spring symposium on entrepreneurship. The well-attended panel discussion, “Lycoming College Innovators and Entrepreneurs,” was hosted by the Institute for Management Studies on April 4 and featured Jay W. Cleveland Jr. ’88, president and CEO of Cleveland Brothers Equipment Co. Inc.; Ron “Buddy” Knoebel ’65, owner of Knoebels Amusement Resort; and Michael Warehime ’64, chairman of Snyder’s-Lance Co.

Moderator Bill Kelly, president and CEO of WVIA Public Media, asked the panelists several questions submitted by students. It started with, “While working your way to the top, did you ever find it hard to balance your work and home life?” All three participants had a similar response: They grew up in the family business, so home and work were the same, and everyone had a responsibility within the family.

Knoebel is the third-generation owner of America’s largest, free-admission amusement park, which has been owned and operated by the family since 1926. The park features two world-class rollercoasters, nearly 60 other rides and award-winning food. As the students’ questions asked about each executive’s success, Knoebel brought up a sports analogy that has served him and his family well through the years, “The harder you work, the luckier you get.”

Cleveland said the work-home balance is something he continues to struggle with, but having an understanding wife has helped. Warehime also stressed how important it is to choose a soul mate who understands the desire that burns inside an entrepreneur’s heart.

Warehime has more than 40 years of experience in the food industry. The newly formed Snyder’s-Lance Co.



Participants in the panel discussion, “Lycoming College Innovators and Entrepreneurs,” included, from left, moderator Bill Kelly of WVIA Public Media and panelists Michael Warehime ’64, chairman of Snyder’s-Lance Co., Jay W. Cleveland Jr. ’88, president and CEO of Cleveland Brothers Equipment Co., and Ron “Buddy” Knoebel ’65, owner of Knoebels Amusement Resort.

finished 2012 with \$1.62 billion in net revenues. Its primary brands include Snyder’s of Hanover Pretzels, Lance Sandwich Crackers and Cape Cod Potato Chips along with newly acquired Snack Factory Pretzel Crisps. He explained that having a great business education from Lycoming provided him a foundation for learning the ever-changing principles of the industry. “By having that education, I was able to rapidly learn things,” he said.

Cleveland, a Lycoming trustee, joined the family business shortly after graduation and was named president and CEO in 2000. He said when he started out, the company had 235 employees, but has now grown to more than 1,300 employees.

Cleveland said he is excited to work for a company that is moving forward and growing. “It’s always fun to make money and reward people who work for you,” he said, adding that Pennsylvania’s Marcellus Shale industry has provided a stable business for his company and contributed to its growth.

Knoebel is proud that his company sells a positive, family-friendly experience. In fact, Knoebel is so connected to the “work family” at his park that he recognized several Lycoming students in the audience as his seasonal workers and referred to them by name.

“I try to get out there and see everyone on the job,” he said. “I make the effort.”

He stressed that he continually thinks of ways to enhance the park and make each person’s experience more

spectacular and special than it was the year before.

“If they don’t have a good experience, they won’t come back,” he said. “And if a customer asks ‘what’s new at Knoebels this year?’ you can’t say nothing. This year, we have two new rides and a new game – and we’re already working on plans for 2014.”

Knoebel also explained the story behind acquiring the Phoenix rollercoaster, which became available after a San Antonio amusement park closed. He said they were able to buy a \$3 million rollercoaster for \$1 million and that the attraction ended up doubling the park’s attendance.

And although the three discussed their successes, they also touched upon some of their failures, setbacks, mistakes made and lessons learned throughout their careers.

“An entrepreneur has the passion and, despite the obstacles, they succeed,” Warehime said, before asking the audience, “Do you have the passion for something?”

There was one decision that all three were passionate about as part of their success – attending Lycoming. “The valuable part was the education and experience from playing basketball,” Cleveland said. “And I had a heck of a lot of fun doing it.”

Knoebel talked about how Bud Whitehill recruited him after learning he was planning on attending another institution. “Within the first week on campus, I knew it was the best decision I ever made,” Knoebel said. “Here, I had a family that welcomed me.”

Dick Wolf '50 has spent the past six decades in the music business since his graduation from Lycoming with an English degree.

You may not recognize the name, but you've probably heard some of the hits he's written, including 1960s "Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini," which he produced and co-wrote for Brian Hyland while he was at Kapp Records.

He had several hits with Nat "King" Cole, Arthur Godfrey, the Andrews Sisters, the Kingston Trio, Roger Williams and others between the 1950s and 1980s. He also arranged and produced a "Miss America" record in the 1960s with Bert Parks, and he partied with the stars at the Copacabana.

But if you Google him, he will be difficult to find, mostly because his professional name is Richard Wolfe, a change made by the head of Kapp Records to make him sound more "dignified."

"My boss was a numerologist and he said I didn't have enough letters in my name," Wolf said with a laugh.

But he got his start at Lycoming, when he wrote three shows as a student and penned the original alma mater.

Wolf said his version of the alma mater was the crowd favorite, but Walter McIver, the music director at the time, never endorsed it. "I wrote 'Lycoming, Fair Alma Mater' for a musical I wrote at the college," Wolf said. "Half a dozen times it was named the 'official' alma mater, but he kept shooting it down."

In John Piper's book, "Lycoming College 1812-2012," it was reported that the Student Government Association voted unanimously on May 18, 1951, to make it the alma mater. But in May 1952, in a vote at one of the regular faculty meetings, "without explanation or tally, the faculty turned it down."

Wolf said he was told it was because the song was a waltz, and no one could march to it. "You can change the timing of a waltz very easily," he said. "Besides, who marches to the alma mater? You stand in reverence while it's being sung."

Wolf also wrote the fight song, "Hail, Lycoming Warriors," that was used when the football team scored a touchdown.

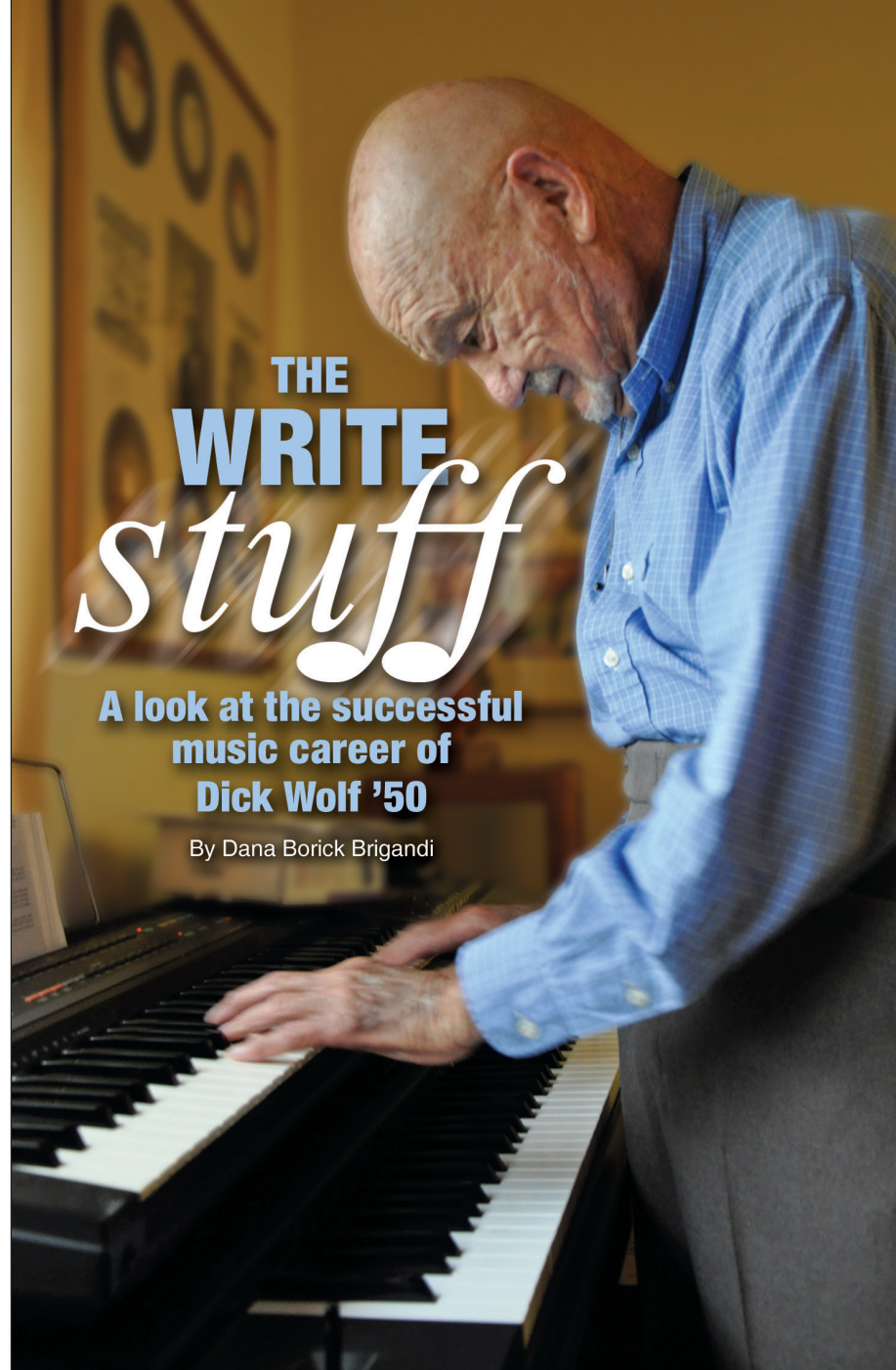
Now 85, he's still in the music business and working on a musical project to honor Matthew Henson, an African-American explorer who discovered the North Pole 100 years ago with Rear Admiral Robert Peary.

A native of Williamsport, Wolf wanted to be an athlete, but when he became injured, he had to drop out of the University of Delaware and move home. His mother wouldn't stand for one of her sons not being a college graduate, so she enrolled him in Lycoming, shortly after it became a four-year institution.

"One professor there taught me how to write for voices so I could advance musically," he said. "That started me back to where I wanted to be."

Although he always loved music, he didn't do anything musically until he was 19, when he started playing the piano.

"I bought a piano for \$35 and played in my family's barn, which had no glass in the windows," he said. "So I had to



THE **WRITE** *stuff*

**A look at the successful
music career of
Dick Wolf '50**

By Dana Borick Brigandi

borrow oil heaters from another farmer and I cut the fingers off a pair of gloves and just taught myself how to play."

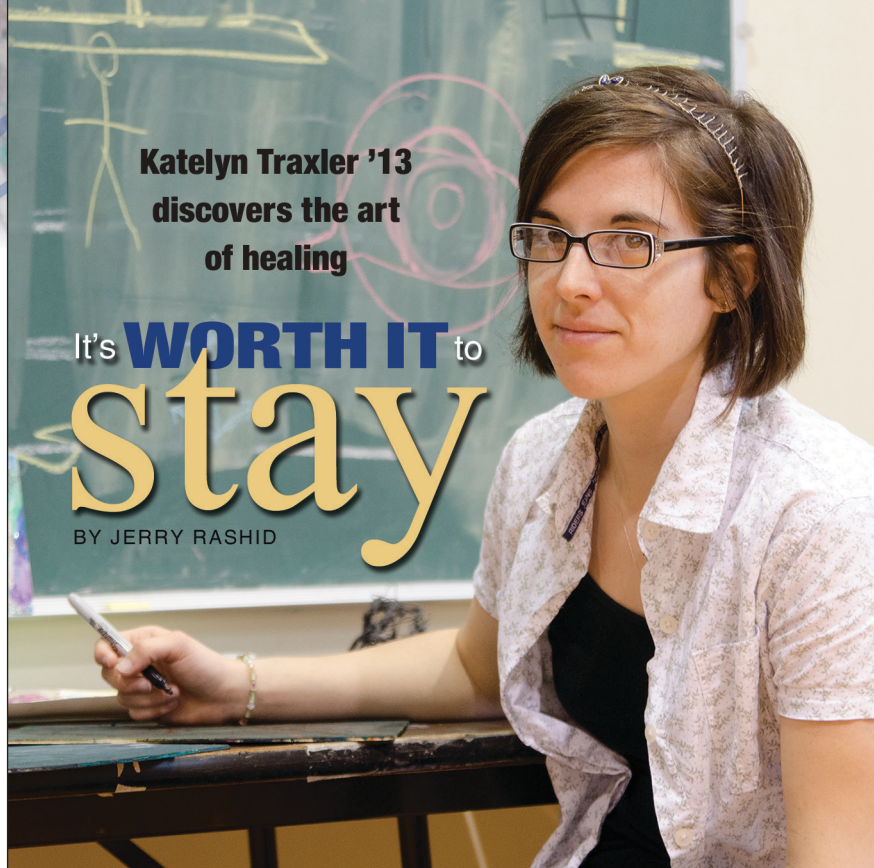
He wrote an autobiography, "Succeeding and Surviving in the Music Business," which details his rise in the music industry, his collection of hundreds of original songs and his disputes with record companies over royalty payments. He eventually got into the children's music business.

"I agreed to do a children's album once the record company let me do it with real musicians in a real studio," he said. He recorded songs such as "Rubber Duckie," "Puff the Magic Dragon," "Zip-a-Dee Doo-Dah" and "(How Much Is) That Doggie in the Window," before beginning the Do Re Mi Children's Chorus and getting nominated four times for a Grammy Award for Best Album for Children.

"I had the best job there was," he said. "It's been a very interesting ride – a lot of ups and downs. But I would write a hundred songs a day if I had someone to write them for."

Katelyn Traxler '13 discovers the art of healing

It's **WORTH IT** to
stay
BY JERRY RASHID



Hands covered with paint, Katelyn Traxler '13 walked into her boyfriend's bathroom to cleanup. She motioned her hands under the touch-free soap dispenser, but nothing happened. She tried it again and again with no luck. She backed away and then attempted it once more. Still nothing. Assuming it was out of soap, she turned away and as she approached the door, she heard the soap dispense.

At that moment, Traxler felt as though she was already gone, that she was already invisible. The feeling was so overwhelming that she collapsed on the floor and wept.

By her own admission, Traxler is not the most polished artist, which would explain the paper cuts on her hands. But, in her state of mind, she saw those pesky marks as a way to help mask her secret actions – she often would use her fingernails to make similar types of small cuts on her hands and wrists. When people began to ask questions, she started to self-inflict cuts on her inner thighs.

She can't explain every thought or why she wanted to do it, but she just wanted to bleed. And, in her opinion, if she didn't bleed enough, she would keep doing it over and over again.

"I had a very big thing with trying to control everything in my life," Traxler said. "I wanted to control my death. I am very slowly learning that I don't really have any control at all. Things are going to happen that I can't change. I just have to learn to work with them and accept what's going on."

It's been roughly 10 months since she's harmed herself.

Only a child

When Traxler was an 8-year-old third-grader, she suffered through personal trauma and the loss of three people who

were dear to her – two family members, as well as a friend who was killed in a car accident.

"My teacher said I was not grieving correctly," she said. "So third grade was the first time I was put into counseling. They had to help me process in order to understand death and understand that death is just a part of life."

Seventh grade was when she first heard the word suicide. When asked by her doctor if she had ever had suicidal thoughts, she simply answered no. As her doctor proceeded to explain them to her, Traxler's reaction was "doesn't everybody?"

"My mom's jaw just dropped and she started crying," she said. "I was put into counseling again. It was the first time I learned how to hide it all. Because seeing my mom's reaction, I didn't want to upset her; I didn't want to make her cry."

Her suicidal thoughts became more intense in high school. She wasn't getting the help she needed and described herself as "floating."

"I kept everything behind a smile and bottled up, until my sophomore year at Lycoming," she said.

Just a few weeks prior to the start of her second year on campus, Traxler received the heart-wrenching news that her classmate and close friend, Brittany Helton, had committed suicide. "She

always said that we were soul sisters," Traxler said. "One day she walked up to me in Pennington Lounge and started blurting out the lyrics to 'Hey Soul Sister' by Train. I can still hear it."

Ratatouille

Traxler has always written poetry as a way to express her feelings. She stumbled upon art as a helpful healer after taking professor Seth Goodman's color and

design course during her freshman year. Then, she reluctantly signed up for one of his painting classes, which focused on representational work.


She argued with Goodman one day during class while trying to perfect drawing a line that helped form a rodent's foot that resembled those used in the computer-animated movie, *Ratatouille*.

"He sat me down and talked to me and told me to just chill out," she said. "He let me explore working from my mind and I ended up falling in love with painting. I still do it now and my counselor recommends that I keep with it because whenever I am having a bad moment, I can take out a piece of wood or a piece of canvas and start working on it, and I forget everything that I am thinking."

"I then cover it. I add things or take things away. I don't stop until it feels that it is OK or I feel that I can move away from it. I am glad that he opened that for me because I really don't know what else I would be doing. I had explored cutting and self-medicating with alcohol. I was going downhill very fast."

Her growth as a person and an artist has not gone unnoticed.

"I've always deeply admired Katelyn's strength and courage to face issues of inner turmoil and concern," Goodman said. "She often uses artistic expression as a therapeutic journey,



engaging challenging subject matter all the while never losing her compassionate and friendly demeanor.”

Traxler also has developed an eye for photography and enjoys time spent in a darkroom. She credits professors Michael Darough and Lynn Estomin for inspiring her newfound interest. “It is like painting for me,” she said. “I can go in there and just get lost trying to do a photograph. Using photography as a way to metaphorically stand, it helps me just as much.”

A cup of faith

For the longest time, Traxler says she was very confused about her faith. Jared Conti, a friend of hers who works at the Avenue 209 Coffeehouse in her hometown of Lock Haven, Pa., is the first person she let read some of her poetry. He encouraged her to speak about what was on her mind instead of just keeping it in her journal. Conti also is the one who invited her on numerous occasions to attend the Common Place Church, which holds its services at the coffeehouse. She began attending last year and has been changed by the experience.

“I love it,” Traxler said. “It’s calming. I don’t fall as easily. I still fall, and always will, but I don’t stay in that moment because I believe now that there is a purpose, there is a reason why I was able to stay here. There are plans for a future and there is hope. If you lose that hope, you really don’t have anything.”

Next steps

Much has been endured by Traxler during her first two decades of life. Now that she has earned her degree in art, she hopes to use her experiences, both personal and educational, to become an art therapist, with a focus of helping soldiers who are transitioning home. She believes that so many men and women who have served their country are not getting the help they need to readjust to civilian life.

“They just can’t get back to the way that they were,” Traxler said. “Lynn introduced me to a few people from Warrior Writers and Combat Paper. They

go through forms of art therapy. Quite a few of them say it has saved their lives. I want to be able to show at least one person that you can step out of the darkness, and that it’s not always going to be there.

“A lot of people say that art therapy is not going to make it, but it has helped me a lot. If I can help someone find an outlet that isn’t harmful, that isn’t drugs or alcohol or self-harm or something worse, I’d like to do that.”

Don’t be afraid

Traxler is extremely grateful for the support and words of encouragement she has received from so many people, especially her mother, Debbie, and older brother, Chris. Their hugs and support, she says, mean the world to her.

As the recent college graduate contemplates her future, she is committed to assisting others who are having trouble coping with life. She’s involved with various suicide prevention awareness programs and initiatives, including the Brittany Rebecca Helton Memorial Foundation Inc. (visit www.bheltz.com and www.facebook.com/Bheltz.Foundation). Traxler encourages those who are suffering to seek professional help and “don’t be afraid to talk.”

“My letters and my will were found by mistake because I had left my computer open while I was visiting my boyfriend, and his mom walked by and saw what I was working on,” Traxler said. “I didn’t want to talk. But after talking and after getting everything out, I don’t feel the pain. It is not as strong anymore. I want people to know that there is hope and someone is going to listen. It’s worth it to stay.”

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or visit www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org.



Traxler’s artist statement

“My work represents my alpha and omega in many metaphorical and representational ways. The paper is made of a journal that I kept for two and a half years, which held documentation of my depression and suicidal actions and ideation. Photographs, letters and clothing, all of which housed a memory, thought or form of pain that needed or still needs to be let go, were also mixed in to make the paper. Every piece within the paper, even the style and color, hold meaning.

“The other pieces, which are made of Plexiglas, show bits of what people in my life have said and what I ignored. The red splatters of paint represent blood, ignorance, hopes and suicide.

“Suicide isn’t something, among many other things, that the world has learned to talk about and reach out toward; even the word holds such stigma. I have been walking the road of recovery for a few years. Even though I may not always see the silver lining, I know that there will be a moment where I do not feel consumed by thoughts, pain or darkness.

“With my art and voice, I will help at least one person see that life is worth fighting for. That no matter how dark the night may be, the sun will always rise on a new day, we just have to remember to breathe. Every story in life connects. My art tells a story; my story ... and those who’ve walked a shadowed journey.”



Traxler’s exhibit, “Remember to Breathe”



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

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GLOBALIZATION
COURSE LEADS TO
SERVICE-LEARNING
IN THE DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC



Twenty-one members of the Lycoming College community spent two weeks in May in the Dominican Republic as the culmination of a course in globalization. During the spring semester, students attended class to learn about the Dominican Republic as a part of the larger international system, participated in team-building activities and discussed what to expect while in the Dominican. The class was part of the college's model to encourage service-learning experiences.

"This trip increased the passion I have for community service and has truly made me a citizen of the world, not just a citizen of the United States of America," said Zach Murphy '14, of Montgomery, N.Y.

Highlights of the trip included two large projects that were created and facilitated by the group. The first project was the construction of an orchard. The class bought more than 1,200 fruit trees and 1,000 hardwood trees and successfully planted 450 of them before they left. The second project was a trip to the mountaintop community of El Naranjito, in an effort to aid the impoverished community by connecting it with small businesses in the United States, such as Alabaster Coffee Roaster and Tea Co. in Williamsport. This is an ongoing relationship that they plan to continue.

The team also participated in many smaller projects, such as two food outreaches during which 350 bags of food were provided to two communities, and one medical outreach in which 708 people were assisted. This gave native Dominicans much-needed access to doctors, dentists, counselors, barbers, clothing and food. They also helped in the restoration of a park and distributed baseball equipment that was donated by Little League International.

"My most meaningful experience involved a medical outreach," said N.J. Stanley, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of theatre. "We traveled to a small village called Peralta and assisted a team of dentists and doctors who had volunteered their time to help people in need of medical care. Several students and I were assigned to assist two dentists working in a classroom who mostly pulled teeth for almost five hours. I was struck by how brave the people were. My heart ached for them."

The main purpose of the trip was to give back to the community through service,



Jonathan Williamson, assistant professor of political science, works on material for a new playground.

but that did not stop them from enjoying their surroundings as well.

"The experience was so physically and sometimes emotionally tiring that we just needed a break for some fun," said Jonathan Williamson, Ph.D., chair and assistant professor of political science. In its free time, the group traveled to beaches, the local farmers market or spent the night dancing away with their new Dominican friends.

"I took 16 wonderful students on this trip, and I saw them become 16 inspiring people," said Caroline Payne, Ph.D., assistant professor of political science, who taught the course. "They learned to work together as a group and come together as one in times of need."

For the trip, Payne partnered with the nonprofit organization Advancing Communities by Educating and Serving, which was founded in 2005 in Williamsport and does regular outreach in the Dominican Republic.

Participants included Murphy, seniors Katelyn Conway, of Palmyra, N.J.; Luke Dohrman, of Huntingtown, Md.; Maralee Fye, of Bellefonte; Matiana Gallegos, of Denver, Colo.; Matthew Ruth, of Seven Valleys; Katherine Wrona, of Arnold; and Andrew Yetzer, of Ridgway; juniors Anders Apiolaza, of Allentown; Sarah Beddingfield, of Colorado City, Texas; Shannon Sheridan, of Danville; and Holly Worth, of Linden; and sophomores Joshua Evans, of Toms River, N.J., and Amanda Ferster, of Sunbury. Drew Tompkins '13, of Montgomery, and Anna Tietzel, a Fulbright language teaching assistant, also attended.

Payne was accompanied by Stanley; Williamson and his wife, Jessica; Jeffrey LeCrone, Lycoming's campus minister; and Linell Stabler, president of ACES North America.



The Best Messengers

Student Orientation Staff provides a valuable service to new students

By Dana Borick Brigandi

Students selected to serve as Student Orientation Staff (SOS) through the Office of Assistant Dean for Freshmen must learn and have a working knowledge of Lycoming College's basic academic requirements, proper social conduct, the judicial process, housing matters, security issues, campus health resources and student activities. And they also have to have a great personality.

While it sounds like a difficult task trying to find the right students for the job, Andrew Kilpatrick, assistant dean for freshmen, is up to the challenge. After all, he's hoping these students will gain valuable leadership skills and help serve the office for a couple years.

"I believe that sometimes the best messengers are peers," Kilpatrick said. "I tell the SOS, 'You are instruments through which the new students and their families integrate into this community.'"

Kilpatrick and his staff provide the SOS with a semester-long training program that helps them welcome new students, as well as answer questions from the students and their parents – or at least know who to ask to find the answers.

SOS welcomes incoming freshmen by helping them make friends, involving them in orientation activities, finding



SOS member Ryan Boccagno '14 offers assistance to incoming freshman Rachel Duncan '17.

campus locations during orientation sessions and working with academic advisers to guide students through class choices.

There is an application process that requires a minimum grade-point average, and Kilpatrick tries to match the SOS with the various academic departments so that most are represented. About 20 students are hired each spring with their job beginning on Accepted Students Day and lasting through the three summer orientations and First Weekend.

Kilpatrick works with the students closely throughout the semester and gets to know them well.

"One of the best things about this job is the experience these students get," Kilpatrick said. "Providing such opportunities also is an important part of the college's educational mission."

This year, there was a surprise in one of the SOS applications. Ashley Burger '16, of Montoursville, indicated that her parents, Patti '85 and Rob '85, were both SOS members.

"It's the first legacy I know of," Kilpatrick said.

Rob added that he and his wife were part of the first two SOS classes offered when they were in their sophomore and junior years, saying that it's a "wonderful compliment" that Ashley was selected.

"We're really excited," Patti said. "It's a great opportunity for her to meet students and more of the faculty."

"We take a team approach to selecting the best SOS team each year," Kilpatrick said. "Our selection committee includes graduating SOS members, the director of student programs and leadership development, the director of the Academic Resource Center and the Office of the Freshman Dean staff."

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- 3 Amy Dadowski '09, Chelsey Clark '07, Sara Quinlan '08, Jessica Lawson '09, Angie Senard '06
- 4 Erin Edmonds, Amy Dowling '04
- 5 Bob Crockett '61, Greg Bell '99, Russ Twigg '74, Matt Gartner '88
- 6 Bobby Allen '99, Brett Curl '04
- 7 Steven '10 and Jamie (Rowe) '08 Brown, Rebecca (Box) Rowe '73, Marina Vernalis '73
- 8 Louise (Gossler) Henry '65, David '66 and Lois (Loncoske) '66 Shoemaker
- 9 Sarah Silkey and Jesse Greenawalt
- 10 Phil Sprunger and Chan Ung '04

Kappa Delta Rho photo to the right

- 11 James and Emily Douthat, Jim Scott '70
- 12 Roger Swain '65, Jim Hubbard '66, Daniel Bennett '14, Ray Desor '65
- 13 Gary "Brook" Houck '67, Chip Edmonds '98, Seth Burch '89

Kappa Delta Rho celebrates 60 years

Members of Lycoming's Kappa Delta Rho Psi chapter held a 60th anniversary party at 33 East during Alumni Weekend in May. More than a dozen alumni attended the event, which also featured a presentation to President James and Emily Douthat.

Jim Scott '70 presented the Douthats with yellow KDR T-shirts and gave President Douthat a one-of-a-kind engraved commemorative glass. In a surprise move, Emily was named a "KDR Sweetheart" and was serenaded by Wade Pugh '67.

In return, Douthat gave the group a citation, honoring them for their years of service and dedication to the college.

A scrapbook from the first year – 1953 – was available for attendees to browse through, along with other items from the College Archives and brought by members, including some memorabilia donated by Dave Rodriguez '53, one of the chapter's founders.

During the event, Daniel Bennett '14 was recognized as the first recipient of the KDR Psi chapter scholarship.



CLASS OF 2013

WE CAN MAKE AN IMPACT

165TH COMMENCEMENT

Emotions ran high during Lycoming College's 2013 graduation activities on May 4-5. A total of 282 seniors processed through the Oliver Sterling Metzler Gate and received their diplomas, President James Douthat presided over his 24th and final commencement ceremony and retiring music professor Fred Thayer conducted his last concert.



New graduate Duong Pham '13 is congratulated by President James Douthat.



Douthat, who gave the keynote address, spoke of the impact of Lycoming's graduates. He highlighted several prominent alumni, including Deirdre Connelly '83, president of North American Pharmaceuticals of GlaxoSmithKline; Gene Dodaro '73, comptroller general of the U.S.; Dallas Krapf '69, co-owner of Krapf Bus Companies; U.S. Rep. Tom Marino '85, the college's 14th member of the U.S. Congress; David Schoch '73, president of Ford Asia; and Michael Warehime '64, chairman of Snyder's-Lance Co.

"No one knows what your futures may bring," Douthat said to the Class of 2013. "Yet, one thing I can say with confidence is that the future presidents of Lycoming College will always have thousands of success stories to illustrate how the lives of our alumni have been guided toward their personal and professional successes by their well-trained, well-educated and open minds.

"Continue to train your mind and your heart so you will be prepared to take advantage of the opportunities that come your way and opportunities you have created for yourself."

Michael Kane '13 of Montoursville, Pa., an economics major, spoke on behalf of the senior class. He used balloons as a metaphor for the students to fill their lives with passion and love for whatever they do in the future.

"If all of us are filled with the right stuff and all of us come alive, we can make an impact," he told the graduates, before releasing 282 colorful balloons into the sky. "Together, we can touch the world."

During the ceremony, Lycoming conferred three honorary degrees: Connelly received a Doctor of Science; Douthat, a Doctor of Humane Letters; and Krapf, a Doctor of Laws.

On Saturday evening, Clarke Chapel was the site for Thayer's final Graduation Concert. At the end of the performance, more than 75 alumni joined the choir on stage to honor one of their most beloved professors and reminisce about their Lycoming experiences.

The day's activities began with the baccalaureate service, featuring an address by the Rev. Beth Jones '95, superintendent of the Williamsport District of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church.



- 1 Deirdre Connelly '83 is presented her honorary degree by President Douthat.
- 2 Frank Girardi introduces honorary degree recipient, Dallas Krapf '69.
- 3 Michael Kane '13 delivers the senior greeting.
- 4 The Class of 2013 enters the Quad through the Oliver Sterling Metzler Gate.
- 5 Many choir students and alumni joined together for Fred Thayer's final concert.

WARRIOR

News

BY JOE GUISTINA



Vanaskie enters Academic All-America Hall of Fame

In a hotel with more rooms than Lycoming College has students and with TV lights shining brightly on Rece Davis, the ESPN broadcaster best known as the host of “College Gameday” and “College Football Live,” called the Hon. Thomas I. Vanaskie ’75 to the stage.

Inducted into the Capital One Academic All-America Hall of Fame at Orlando’s World Center Marriott on June 12 during the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics conference, Vanaskie, who rarely gives interviews as a judge on the U.S. Third District Court of Appeals, sat in front of a crowd of 400 people and talked about the highlights of his football career. His many accomplishments included earning Honorable Mention AP Little All-American honors as a defensive back and First Team Academic All-American honors in 1974.

Davis started the interview smoothly, “I want to talk about football. What was your favorite interception?”



Top photo: CoSIDA President Joe Hornstein, Dick Enberg, Mike Krzyzewski, Marie Tillman - wife of the late Pat Tillman, Bruce Melnick, Terry Schroeder, Judge Thomas Vanaskie ’75, Elfi Schlegel, Capital One Senior Vice President Byron Daub pose after the Capital One Academic All-America Hall of Fame ceremony.

Bottom photo: Vanaskie is interviewed by ESPN’s Rece Davis during the ceremony.

Vanaskie, who left Lycoming for Penn State’s Dickinson School of Law before going on to an 18-year career as a lawyer before being selected to serve as a judge, didn’t even hesitate.

“I had one against Juniata College, where I made a diving catch near the end zone,” he said. “The first thing our quarterback said to me when I got back to the bench was ‘Oh, that was underthrown.’”

As Davis continued to interview Vanaskie, a quick look around the crowd showed a who’s who in collegiate athletics. Mike Krzyzewski, Duke’s three-time national champion men’s basketball coach, sat in the front row with Dick Enberg, the NBC broadcaster and a member of the Hall of Fame, close by. Oliver Luck, a member of the Hall of Fame and the director of athletics at West Virginia, was amidst the crowd and the others being inducted into the Hall of Fame sat all around Vanaskie in the front of the auditorium. They included the voice of Olympic Gymnastics in America, Elfi Schlegel; an astronaut, Bruce Melnick; the U.S. Water Polo coach, Dr. Terry Schroeder; and the widow of Pat Tillman, a star linebacker at Arizona State who was killed in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Vanaskie spoke passionately when Davis asked about his efforts in the community. The judge talked about the Court-Assisted Re-Entry (CARE) program he started, which serves individuals who have already been convicted or incarcerated and tries to help them make a smooth transition from prison to the community.

“What I aspire to do each day is to be the best judge and person I can be,” Vanaskie said.

New athletics marks set for release

After more than a year in development, the Lycoming College athletic department will proudly present the third set of athletic marks in the history of the program during an unveiling in Lamade Gymnasium on Tuesday, Aug. 13. After the event, the logos will be posted on athletics.lycoming.edu.

“Throughout the design process, the college strove to identify an image that promotes the core concepts of strength, honor, excellence and tradition,” director of athletics and head football coach Mike Clark said. “The new logo is a significant piece of the new visual identity of Lycoming athletics. We are very excited to wear it into competition and to see it displayed prominently in our facilities.”

The new athletic marks were designed by the Joe Bosack Graphic Design Co., which has also created logos for several collegiate (Akron, Bucknell, Manhattanville and Mississippi State) and professional (NHL's Colorado Avalanche and AHL's Hershey Bears) teams.

The new set of marks will replace the "Block L" logo, which has been in use since 2005. Prior to that, the College used an "Indian Head" mark for nearly 50 years, but chose to change the logo due to NCAA legislation that banned the use of American Indian mascots by sports teams during its postseason tournaments.

Court to be named after Burch

For 32 years, Clarence "Dutch" Burch worked the Lycoming College basketball court sidelines, beginning his career in the tiny Hilltop Gymnasium. When he was promoted to athletic director in 1976, he helped make Lamade Gymnasium, the 3,700-seat home of the Warrior basketball program, a reality, and he coached in the banner-laden gym for 14 years.

Now, the court on which he helped create so many memories as a basketball coach will be named in his memory. During the season-opening Tip-Off Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 16, the Warriors will name the Lamade Gym floor "Dutch Burch Court" in a ceremony at 3:15 p.m. with the team tipping off right after the ceremony.

Burch, who passed away in 2012 at age 80, amassed a school-record 318 wins during his time on the sidelines from 1962-94. Burch led Lycoming to its first Middle Atlantic Conference regular-season championship in 1965-66 and added two more titles in 1983-84 and 1984-85. Lycoming made 11 appearances in the postseason during his tenure.



The court in Lamade Gym will be named after "Dutch" Burch, who won a school-record 318 games as Lycoming's men's basketball coach.

Two Warriors earn scholar-athlete award

Lycoming's Jason Mifsud '13 and Drew Tompkins '13 have earned the Middle Atlantic Conference's Scholar-Athlete Award for men's tennis and men's golf, respectively. Mifsud also was voted the Commonwealth Conference's Player of the Year.

After winning a school-record 15 singles matches and rewriting the school's record book, Mifsud joins Robert Brown '11 as the only men's tennis players to earn the award.

On the court, Mifsud, the Warriors' all-time wins leader, finished his career with a 45-11 singles record and added a 28-26 mark in doubles. His combined mark of 73-37 is also the best in school history. He saved his best season for last, posting a 15-1 singles record as a senior and becoming the first player in school history to win the Middle Atlantic Conference Individual Championship, doing so at the top flight.

Mifsud is also one of two players in school history to earn three all-conference accolades. He reached three MAC Individual Championship finals. He also led the Warriors to the 2010 Commonwealth Conference Championship, the program's first-ever conference title.

Off the court, the mathematics major was just as impressive, earning two MAC Academic Honor Roll nods, three Intercollegiate Tennis Association Scholar Athlete awards and seven dean's list awards. He was vice president of the Kappa Mu Epsilon Mathematical Science Honor Society and was awarded with the Mathematical Science Award, the Frances K. Skeath Award in Mathematics and the Benjamin C. Connor Prize in Mathematics at the college's Honor's Convocation.



Jason Mifsud '13



Drew Tompkins '13

Tompkins was a four-year letterwinner for the Warriors, playing in 15 career rounds and participating as one of the team's top five players at the Commonwealth Conference Championship during all four seasons. As a freshman, he finished a personal-best 28th at the conference championship, as he fired a career-best 86 in the second round. As a senior, he finished in the top 25 once, posting an 88 at the Susquehanna Spring Invitational.

In the classroom, the political science and economics major was a two-time MAC Academic Honor Roll selection and earned eight dean's list accolades. He was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, the Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics Honor Society and the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society.

A Lycoming Scholar, he also was the recipient of the 2013 Roger W. Opdahl Economics Excellence Award and won the Lycoming College Class of 1907 Prize, which is given to a senior in the upper half of his class who has contributed to campus life through participation in athletics and other student activities.



Celebrations

Dear Friends,

There has been much ado in the alumni office since the last magazine! We welcomed 282 new graduates into Lycoming's alumni association, we enjoyed a tremendous Alumni Weekend, we planned events to welcome our 15th president to our Lycoming family in locations across the country and we hired an assistant director of alumni relations. Whew!

I am pleased to announce that Catherine Park joined the alumni office on Aug. 5. In addition to assisting with planning regional events and events on campus, Catherine will be working hard to build our network of alumni who are willing to mentor, career share and offer internship opportunities to our current students. I look forward to introducing you to Catherine at Homecoming, Alumni Weekend or a regional event soon!

As always, if you have any ideas for regional gatherings, don't hesitate to contact me! I welcome your wonderful suggestions for exciting events.

Fondly,

A. Dowling
Amy S. Dowling '04

Director of Alumni Relations



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OCT. 25-27

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Mark your calendars for President Kent Trachte's first homecoming as Lycoming's 15th president!

FRIDAY

Thomas B. Croyle '70 Memorial Golf Tournament

Class of 1963: 50th Reunion Dinner

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner

- Susan (Luethner) Wool '97 – Softball
- Megan Wallenhorst '08 – Women's Lacrosse
- Cameron Coleman '00 – Football
- Mark Seagreaves '01 – Football
- Matt Miller '08 – Wrestling
- David Kidd '95 – Men's Soccer
- Bill Byham – Radio/Sports information

4th Annual Beer & Pretzel Tent

SATURDAY

AAEB 5K Run/Walk

Women's Lacrosse Alumni Game

Alumni Brunch and Awards Presentation

- Barbara Sylk '73: Dr. James E. Douthat Outstanding Achievement Award
- Michael Bell '94: Dr. James E. Douthat Outstanding Achievement Award
- Sonja (Burkhalter) Gonzalez '92: Angela R. Kyte Outstanding Alumnus Award
- Steven R. Wiser '74: Dale V. Bower Service Award
- Captain Pamela S. Tipler '05: Taunia Oechslein Young Alumnus Award

Pre-Football Game Tailgate Picnic at the Stadium

Football Game: Albright@Lycoming

All-Alumni Happy Hour at 33 EAST

All-Alumni Gathering at the Old Corner with live band, Voyage

Theta Chi Reunion

TKE Reunion

For more information, visit www.lycoming.edu/alumni/homecoming.

ALUMNI HAPPENINGS & GATHERINGS

Read more at www.lycoming.edu/alumni

DINNER AND TOUR CHOIR CONCERT, PITTSBURGH, PA., MARCH 2



Robin and Andrew '05 McGovern, Amy (Turner) Pisano '98, Kelly (Sproy) Pavelek '99, Becky Turner

ALUMNI AND ACCOUNTING SOCIETY HAPPY HOUR, NEW YORK CITY, MARCH 15



Jim '70 and Linda (Lady) '77 Scott



Professors Heather Demshock and Lori (Cero) Kremer '88, Andrew McGreevy '14, Andrew Paulhamus '13, Vincent Totaro '14



Emily Smith '13, Kayla DeMar '13, Stephen Rock '13, Sean Kelly '13, Curtis Hoffer '14

LUNCH AND DALI MUSEUM TOUR, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA., MARCH 19



Kathleen (Tighe) Gaye '75, Sarah (Bertrand) Rowe '74, Chip Edmonds '98, Bill Beljeau '69



Ann (Marcinkevich) Paquette '78, Donnamarie (Nicholas) Hehn '84, Mark Henderson '69



Tim Sullivan '04, James Douthat '13H

LUNCH AT THE VINEYARDS COUNTRY CLUB, NAPLES, FLA., MARCH 21



John and Diane (Zurinsky) Sweeney '63, Chip Edmonds '98



Frank Lundy, James Douthat '13H, Bob '55 and Nancy Colley



Ann (Bennett) '63 and Ron Zeisloft



James Douthat '13H, Carolyn-Kay (Miller) Lundy '63

**TEAM TIMEOUT AT CAMDEN YARDS,
BALTIMORE, MD., JUNE 15**



Gary '70 and Lynn (Salmons) '70 Bower, Marilyn (Phillippy) '70 Failor, Lisa (Failor) Hogofsky, Don Failor '68



Debbie Fetscher '06, Melissa Stiles '07, Meghan Jacobi '07, Jacqueline (Stires) Schap '05, Laura Seifert '06, Scott '06 and Kirby (Brookhart) '05 Baker, Melinda (Dicken) '05 and Kris '05 Accardi



Vern Leese, Molly Nece, Dan Nece '95

**MICHIGAN ALUMNI GATHERING, GRAND
RAPIDS, MICH., JUNE 16**



Patrick, Elizabeth and Shannon (Keane) '94 English, Mary and Bob VanVoorst, Bob Young, Aaron '05 and Denise (Drosdak) '05 Bartholomew



Please be sure to look for events in your area to help to welcome President Kent and Sharon Trachte to the Lycoming College family. Meet and greet events are being planned throughout the country, and we would love to have you with us!

Sept. 6, 2013

Williamsport, Pa.

October 2013

Harrisburg, Lancaster and Philadelphia, Pa.

November 2013

Rochester, N.Y.

Dec. 6, 2013

New York City

Jan. 23, 2014

Baltimore, Md.

January 2014

North and South New Jersey

February 2014

Washington, D.C., Texas
and Hilton Head Island, S.C.

March 2014

Florida, Arizona and Los Angeles, Calif.

April 2014

Bethlehem, Pa.

As the event dates draw nearer,
more information will be posted on

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UPCOMING *events*

VISIT www.lycoming.edu/alumni

Friday, Sept. 6 • Williamsport, Pa. • First Friday happy hour • 33 EAST • on the patio

Please help us welcome the 15th president of Lycoming College, Kent Trachte and his wife, Sharon, to Williamsport! Complimentary appetizers and cash bar on the newly opened patio at 33 EAST.

5 to 7 p.m.

RSVP by Sept. 1

Saturday, Sept. 14 • Philadelphia, Pa. • Lycoming College Day at the Philadelphia Zoo

Enjoy a day at the Philadelphia Zoo with Lycoming alumni and families! We will meet for a picnic lunch at 12:30 p.m. to enjoy some time together as a group.

\$17 per person includes zoo admission and box lunch (ham or turkey)

\$10 per person zoo admission only

Children under 2 free admission

Parking is \$15 per car, payable upon arrival

RSVP by Sept. 7

Saturday, Sept. 28 • Chester, Pa. • Post-football game happy hour

Show your Warrior Pride during the Lycoming @ Widener football game. Afterward, join alumni and friends for a post-game happy hour with complimentary appetizers and a cash bar!

1 p.m. Football game: Warriors vs. Widener

4:30 p.m. Happy hour (immediately following the game)

Happy Hour Location TBD

RSVP by Sept. 26

Friday, Oct. 11 • Chester, Pa. • Women's and Men's Soccer • PPL Park

Join us at one of the premier soccer-only facilities in the nation to support Lycoming's soccer teams as they take on Widener University. Lyco will host a tailgate and share some spirit gear in the parking lot. Tailgate time TBD.

5 p.m. Women's game

7:30 p.m. Men's game

RSVP by Oct. 4

Friday, Dec. 6 •

**New York, N.Y. • Meet the
President Event • Venue
TBD**

Join Lycoming alumni and friends in welcoming the 15th president of Lycoming College, Kent Trachte and his wife, Sharon, to the Lycoming family. Complimentary appetizers and drinks.

TBD • 6-8 p.m.

RSVP by Nov. 30

Friday, Dec. 7 • Bus trip to NYC

Explore Manhattan during the holiday season – take in a show, do some shopping and see the tree in Rockefeller Center. The bus will depart from Lycoming College at 7 a.m. and we will re-board at 9 p.m. to return home. Drop-off/pick-up will be on 51st Street between 8th Ave. and Broadway.

\$40 per person

RSVP by Dec. 2





Dickinson Seminary and Junior College

1941

Jean (Mumford) Spencer recently celebrated her 92nd birthday. She regularly attends the Methodist church in New Paltz, N.J., according to her nephew, **Thomas R. McIntosh '61**.

1949

Joe Keller (pre-engineering) has been nominated for the Institute of Printed Circuit Hall of Fame for 2013. He has received the National Reliability Award from the Institute of Electronic Engineers and the American Society of Mechanized Engineers Award for his work with Dr. Werner Von Braun and the Apollo lunar landing achievement. He lives in Cocoa, Fla., where he lectures to local science students.

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1952

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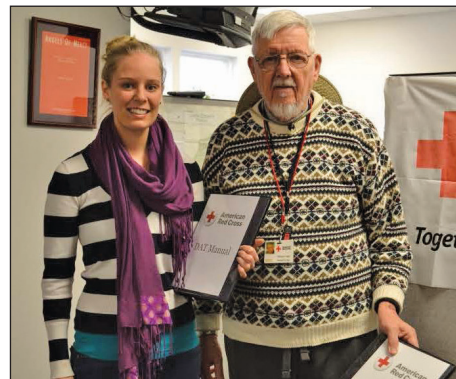
1954

Rev. James Horace Gold
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From left are Eleanor P. Gold, the Rev. James H. Gold '54, and the Right Rev. Robert A. Gross

The **Rev. James Gold** (psychology) was honored in April for his 26 years of service in the Order of Corpus Christi, an Evangelical Catholic Religious Order. During the presentation, he was given the title of Prior Emeritus. Jim is serving at Trinity Lutheran Church of Cowan, Pa. He has been married for 56 years to the former Eleanor Erdley and the couple has two sons, **Stephen '80** and Philip, and a daughter, Betsy.



Kristina Fangman and Bill Hart '55

1955

Bill Hart (economics) has been volunteering with the Northcentral chapter of the American Red Cross through Americorps in Williamsport, Pa. His duties include creating programs to address the needs of senior citizens in the Lycoming County, Pa., area and communicating with the local Area Agency on Aging.

1959

Beverly (Strauser) Manbeck
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1960

Beverlee (Arnds) Harbin (executive secretary science), and her husband, Ron, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 5.



Ron and Beverlee (Arnds) '60 Harbin



Ruth and John '60 Maiolo

John Maiolo (psychology) and his wife, Ruth, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in January. John continues to provide non-paid consulting to fishery management organizations that helped fund his research during his collegiate teaching and research career.

Class Notes submissions:

Lycoming College wants to join you in celebrating your career and life accomplishments. You may wish to share information about a birth, wedding, anniversary, career move, retirement, life-changing experience, etc. We reserve the right to edit submissions to meet Lycoming Magazine style guidelines and space limitations. Only activities that have already taken place will be included in Class Notes.

Photo submissions: Please feel free to submit printed and high-resolution digital photos. Because of space limitations, we cannot publish every photo we receive, but your chances improve if your digital photos are of good quality and at least 300 dpi at a canvas size of 3x5. Lower resolution pictures may look sharp on your computer screen, but will not reproduce well in the magazine.

Information received after June 21, 2013, will be used in a future issue of the magazine.

Send your Class Notes information to:

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Please be advised that as a result of our online posting and archiving of the magazine, information included in Class Notes may become publicly available and searchable through the Internet.

1961

Don Knight (biology) and his wife, Susan, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Don retired in 1996 from Burroughs Wellcome Co. (now part of GlaxoSmithKline) in London, England, as vice president and worldwide director of regulatory affairs. After a few years of teaching in the pharmacy schools at Campbell University and the University of North Carolina, Don and Susan have retired on Hilton Head Island, S.C.

1962

Geoffrey R. Wood
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1963

Evelyn (McConnell) Derrick
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Tom Senior (political science) moved from Florida to Atlanta in 2012 and transferred his Marine Corps League membership to an Atlanta Detachment. He also became a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America. In Florida, he served as commandant for five years. Tom served in leadership positions in both the Marine Corps and in corporate life as vice president of sales for the USA for the Dr Pepper/Snapple Group Inc.

1964

Bill Lawry
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Rod Laub (biology), longtime Jersey Shore High School head wrestling coach, was honored with a Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award at the 20th annual Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame banquet April 14. Rod guided the Bulldogs for 25 seasons (1964-88), including 23 winning campaigns while recording a career record of 247-98-11.

Larry McNeer (chemistry) volunteers with the Silverhammers, a group of retired people that uses its talents to benefit other local charities in the Syracuse, N.Y., area.

1965

Nancy (Snow) Cross
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1964 classmates Carol (Irwin) Schonour, Tom Shields and Jan (Lawrence) Shields catch up in San Antonio, Texas.



G. Bruce Patterson '65 and Anthony Bucco '84

G. Bruce Patterson '65 (sociology) and **Anthony Bucco '84** attended the centennial gala to celebrate Denville (N.J.) Township's 100th anniversary on April 13. Bucco represents the 25th Legislative District in the New Jersey State Assembly.

1966

Kitty (Traxler) Morrison
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Celebrating the retirement of the Rev. Walt Edmonds '67 included, from left, John Shannon '68 and his mother, Elena, Edmonds, Peggy (Giauque) Edmonds '69, Patricia (McGuigan) Bradbury '68 and Angela (McElwain) Bednarczyk '68. Paul Rounsaville '67 was also in attendance.



Classmates of Judy Siebert '67, who died in February, attended a graveside memorial service May 18. First row, from left, are Betty (Hipple) Bonazzi '67 and Evie (Curtis) Mann '67; second row, Naomi Roan '67, Deana Nolder '66, Maria Testa Missigman '67, Rick Mann and Judy's great nephew; and third row, Melinda Alford '67, Don Nolder '66, Judy's brother, and Larry Missigman.

1967

Judy Siebert (psychology) died in February and several of her classmates attended a graveside memorial service May 18.

The **Rev. Walt and Peggy '69 (Giauque) Edmonds** were recognized during a retirement celebration at the Damascus (Md.) United Methodist Church in June. Nearly 1,000 people participated in the weekend, including more than 250 of Walt's former choir and orchestra members, who came back for a concert.

Carol Davis, Ph.D., (biology) has published two textbooks. *Complementary Therapies in Rehabilitation*, is in its third edition. The book describes the science of subtle energy and how it affects our cells and bodies in important ways that can reinforce wellness and prevent illness. She continues to teach part time for the University of Miami Department of Physical Therapy, for John F. Barnes Myofascial Release Seminars and for Polestar Pilates.

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1968

Susan (Fielding) Roese (art) and **Angela (McElwain) Bednarczyk** (psychology) were suitemates at Lycoming. Angela now is volunteering in Dakar, Senegal, at a school for deaf children. She is in the second year of a five-year commitment to the school to provide curriculum development assistance and workshops on teaching strategies. In February, Sue joined her in Dakar for five weeks, working with the art teacher to create projects with the students. At the end of Sue's visit, the school held an exposition that included the art and woodworking projects and hairdressing demonstrations.



Angela (McElwain) Bednarczyk '68 and Susan (Fielding) Roese '68



Marbie (Pickles) Foster '68 handcrafted a clay miniature form of the college's President's House, which was presented as a retirement memento to James and Emily Douthat during Alumni Weekend in May.

1969

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Lynne (Clinch) Hopkins (religion) recently held a jewelry show and sale at the Station Gallery in Lock Haven, Pa. She began making jewelry after retiring from teaching in the Keystone Central School District.

Sandra Derr (English and education), who retired in June 2000 after 31 years



Sandra Derr '69, right

of public elementary school teaching, has started a new career: picketer for social issues. She is part of a group that pickets on the 14th of each month at the National Rifle Association headquarters in Fairfax, Va.

William Miller (psychology) co-wrote a book in 1991 describing motivational interviewing, a method of counseling. *Motivational Interviewing*, now in its third edition, has been translated into 22 languages and is being taught by more than 3,000 trainers. Now retired as a distinguished professor of psychology and psychiatry, Bill writes



William Miller '69 and Kathy Jackson

books and choral music and lives in Albuquerque, N.M., with his wife of 40 years, Kathy Jackson.

Wanda (Root) Ross (sociology) is manager of global executive talent acquisition at Polycom, a leader in unified communications. She also was elected as secretary of the board of the Far West Ski Association, which represents ski clubs in 13 Western states.



Wanda (Root) Ross '69

The Rev. Mark Santucci (philosophy) recently retired as rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Mystic, Conn. He now is the part-time priest-in-charge at St. John's Episcopal Church in East Hartford, Conn. Mark was the rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Williamsport from 1986-93.

1970

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1971

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Art Washington (sociology) is writing and producing the Internet series *Always Night*, starring Harry Lennix, which is showing on www.blackamericantv.com.

1972

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Blind graduate says Lycoming was right choice

By Dana Borick Brigandi

When Elizabeth Jane Heap '71 decided to attend Lycoming College in the late 1960s, she knew there would be challenges. As the first blind student at the college, Heap said she was given an extra study room in Rich Hall with a table for her braille books and recorders.

"When you're blind, the books are a lot bigger," Heap said. "What's normally one volume in the Bible is four volumes for me. Matthew and Mark are in one braille volume, for instance; Luke and John are in another. The New Testament is four braille volumes. And I had to bring my Bible since I was taking religion courses."

Heap said that she was given her book list earlier than the other students so she could secure books in braille or on tape. "This was before computers, so an organization known as Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic would put books on tape.

"The professors were a blessing at Lycoming," Heap said. "Many took time with me individually."

She had readers for many of her classes. Sometimes she was given oral exams and other times the professors would read her the questions and she would type out the answers on her typewriter.

Heap joked that computers would have made note-taking much easier, as she had to use a slate and stylus for writing braille notes, along with a tape recorder. She also had a mobility instructor from New Jersey come show her how to get around the campus.

"I made my first friends the morning after I got there," Heap said. "My readers also became my close friends."

Heap prefers to go by her childhood nickname Bojane, which is what her friends and family call her.

"I remember my first day of class at Lycoming, I had perspectives on religion with Dr. [O. Thompson] Rhodes, and we all got to class, all of us freshmen, all of us scared, and he said, 'I want everybody to tell me their nicknames.' Right then and there, I knew I had a friend. He was my friend the whole time I was at Lycoming."

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in English, Heap became employed at IBM, where she worked for 18 ½ years. When IBM relocated, she became a medical transcriptionist for 12 years before getting her current position with the Bergen County Department of Human Services, Division of Senior Services.

"Graduation from Lycoming was a sad and happy event – happy because I was the first blind person to do it, sad because I left a lot of good friends behind with whom I would like to reestablish contact."

Some of her favorite activities at Lycoming were attending chapel services and theatre productions. She was thankful that Bob Porter in the theatre department gave her a chance to be in a play.

"As for my experiences, Lycoming made me who I am today, blind or sighted it would have helped me," she said. "But the people, that was the great part. The people were phenomenal. I especially loved some of my professors."



Elizabeth "Bojane" Heap '71 with James Hogan



Jerry Boone '72, seated in front row, with members of the Skycoasters

Jerry Boone (business administration) leads the Skycoasters, a nine-piece party band for which he plays the tenor saxophone. The group has played for NBC at the 1992 Summer Olympics, several Super Bowl parties and the 2009 opening day festivities at Yankee Stadium. The Skycoasters also performed during Colgate University's 2013 alumni weekend.

1973

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Joyce Michaud (art) has been director of the Ceramic Arts Program at Hood College since 2000. She is an associate professor at Hood, where she serves as founding director of the MFA and Graduate Certificate in Ceramic Arts and Studio Arts coordinator. Her home and studio are in Frederick County, Md., where she was inducted into the Arts Hall of Fame.



Artwork by Joyce Michaud '73

David Schoch

(business administration) has been named Ford Motor Company group vice president and his position as CEO of China Operations was expanded to president of Ford's Asia Pacific Operations. In this role, David has responsibility for all of Ford's operations and partnerships within the Asia

Pacific region. He and his wife, **Carol (Marsland) '73**, live in Shanghai, China.



David Schoch '73

1974

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Dr. Joseph Kaczmarczyk (biology) is a professor and vice chair of obstetrics-gynecology at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He also was promoted to assistant dean of clinical education at the college. He previously had a 23-year career in the U.S. Public Health Service.

1975

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Rev. Thomas Wolfe '78

Wolfe named president of Iliff School of Theology

The Rev. Thomas Wolfe '78, Ph.D., was named the 14th president of Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colo. His appointment was effective Aug. 1.

Wolfe was senior vice president and dean, Division of Student Affairs, at Syracuse University, where he led more than 350 employees in the areas of health and wellness; discovery and engagement, inclusion, community and citizenship; and central services. Prior to this position, he served as dean and chaplain at Hendricks Chapel at Syracuse and was a pastor of United Methodist parishes in New York.

Wolfe serves as a trustee of Lycoming College and the Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is also a senator of the University Senate of the UMC, where he has served as secretary from 2008-12 and will complete a presidential term from 2013-16. He is an active member of many civic groups, including InterFaith Works and Vera House.

An ordained elder with the Upper New York Conference of the UMC, Wolfe earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Lycoming, a Master of Divinity degree from Pacific School of Religion, and a Ph.D. in higher education administration from Syracuse.

Mark Anderman (philosophy) was a judge for the first Clinton County (Pa.) Arts Council juried photo show in March. He is president and owner of Wild Studio, a commercial photo studio in Williamsport.

1976

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Lehigh Valley Business has named **Nancy (Gerber) Conrad** (psychology), chair of the Labor and Employment, and Education groups at White and Williams LLP, as a 2013 Woman of Influence. Nancy has been recognized as a dynamic business leader who is influential in her firm, the legal industry and Pennsylvania's Greater Lehigh Valley community.



Nancy (Gerber) Conrad '76



Frank Morrow '76 recently held a Try Scuba workshop at Lycoming

Frank Morrow (sociology) recently held a Try Scuba workshop at Lycoming's pool to introduce students to the scuba certification course. He provided the scuba equipment and was assisted by six Lycoming students who are PADI-certified divers. The students receive certification after completing the open water scuba course offered each semester at Lycoming.

Audrey Sherrick (accounting-business administration) was named one of the Best 50 Women in Business in New Jersey by the NJBIZ magazine. She is a partner at Friedman LLP, an accounting firm in Lindwood, N.J.

1977

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1978

Edward and Jane (Snyder) Bird
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Jerry and Roberta (Marshall) '78 Folmar

Roberta (Marshall) Folmar (psychology) and her husband, Jerry, are property investors and running a cement company. She retired as a psychologist in September 2010.

1979

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Patricia (Dodaro) Kenney (biology) is a licensed clinical social worker, who specializes in psychotherapy and drug and alcohol counseling. She owns a private practice in Cumberland County, N.J., where she treats individuals with anxiety disorders and helps people who are getting bullied at work learn how to neutralize the bullying.

1980

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1981

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1982

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A host of Lycoming alumni and friends participated in the annual Bo Tkach Memorial Golf Outing at the Blue Ridge Country Club in Palmerton, Pa., in May. Organized by Jim Tkach '78, the outing serves as a tribute to Jim's son, Bo, who passed away in 2007, and raises funds to help young people suffering from mental illnesses and are faced with challenging financial circumstances.



A family of Lycoming graduates celebrates a recent graduation. Shown are Dale Ludwig '80, William Yeagle '88, Michael Ludwig '13, Nathan Yeagle, Diane (Yeagle) O'Neil '69, Judy (Yeagle) McCormick '61 and Dori (Yeagle) Ludwig '84.

1983

Ron Frick (business administration) has accepted a two-year term on Lycoming's Institute of Management Studies' Board of Visitors. He is vice president of M&T Bank in Williamsport.

1984

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1985

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Michele (Ciancio) Coats (sociology) was voted the 2012-13 teacher of the year at Bayonet Point Middle School in Pasco County, Fla.

1986

Patricia (Dempsey) Hutchinson
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Jack Geisel (biology) has been named the head football coach at Palmyra (N.J.) High School, where he is a biology and chemistry teacher. He has been the head wrestling coach since 2011.

1987

Tina Muheim
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Karen (Knittle) Lintz (biology)

was named vice president of regulatory affairs at Werces Professional Services in Albany, N.Y.

1988

Cindy (Smith) Snyderman
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William Frick, Ph.D., (religion) is an associate professor in the University of Oklahoma's Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. His recent work, *Educational management turned on its head – Exploring a professional ethic for educational leadership: A critical reader*, was published by Peter Lang Publishing.



William Frick '88

1989

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Margery Hinebaugh (biology) recently joined the staff of Dushore Chiropractic Service in Sullivan County, Pa. Before coming to Dushore, she founded the Munising (Mich.) Chiropractic Clinic.

1990

Courtenay (Wells) Arendt
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Cara (Boyanowski) Fickles (psychology-political science) was recently named a shareholder in the law firm of Serratelli, Schiffman & Brown, P.C. She will continue to practice in the area of family law, as well as estate and probate. She resides in the Harrisburg, Pa., area.



Cara (Boyanowski) Fickles '90

1991

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1992

Julie Makatche Collins
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1993

Andrea (Ruble) Miller
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1994

Michele (Wawroski) Hogan
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Michael Bell (art-generalist) received the 39th annual Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher of the Year presented by the Washington Post Co. Educational Foundation in Washington, D.C. He has been an art teacher at Southern High School in Harwood,



Michael Bell '94

Md., since 1994 and chair of the art department since 2009. The award is given to dedicated teachers who show initiative, creativity and an exceptional degree of professionalism in teaching. He is one of 20 winners of the honor.

Kathleen "Kat" Smith (psychology) earned certification as an Employee Assistance Professional and graduated with her second master's degree in May. She obtained a master's degree in social work from Widener University and passed the Pennsylvania state licensure exam to be a licensed social worker. Kat has worked full time for the past five years at Ceridian Corp., where she provides EAP services across the U.S., U.K. and Canada.

1995

Bob Martin
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Dr. Stephen Cairone (biology) joined Mercer-Bucks Orthopedics after nine years in private practice in Bucks County, Pa. He is board certified in orthopedic surgery and received fellowship training in spine surgery from the University of Pennsylvania. He serves as an associate clinical professor of orthopedic surgery at Pennsylvania College of Osteopathic Medicine. During the past 10 years, he has served in served in several capacities for the American Osteopathic Association of Orthopedic Surgeons, where he was inducted as a fellow in 2012. Steve lives in Wrightstown, Pa., with his wife, Kari, and their three daughters. He serves on the board for Council Rock United Soccer Association and also has been appointed as director of injury prevention.

Carol (Papandrea) Herrmann (history and education) was elected to a three-year term on the board of the South Country Central School District in New York. She is a social studies teacher at Sachem East High School in Farmingville, N.Y.

1996

Angela (Dakshaw) Sweeney
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Eric Pfirman (history) has been named principal at Codrington Elementary School in Wilmington, N.C.

Zachary Rubinich (political science) has been certified as a specialist by the Pennsylvania Bar Association Section on Workers Compensation Law as authorized by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. He also has been selected as a Rising Star in the Pennsylvania edition of Super Lawyers for 2013.

1997

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Kirsten (Schwalm) Miller
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Jess Millard (education-history) was the guest speaker for the Class of 1993 at the 121st Canton (Pa.) High School Alumni Banquet on May 25. For the past six years, he has been the building administrator at Clark Wood Elementary School in Elkland, Pa., and has coached junior high, junior varsity and varsity football, softball and wrestling.

1998

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Kelly (Norton) Knight (philosophy) gave a presentation about county government compliance with the Affordable Care Act during the Maryland Association of Counties' summer conference. She is assistant vice president, compliance services, at the Benecon Group in Lititz, Pa. Kelly joined Benecon in January 2011 after 10 years of practicing law in the private sector. In 2010, she was named Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Star.

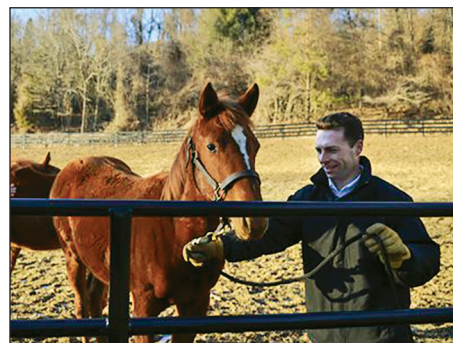


*Kelly (Norton)
Knight '98*

1999

Heather Myers
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Lance Barry (communications) is the public relations manager for Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber in Cincinnati, Ohio. An Emmy-nominated journalist and five-time Best of Ohio Journalism Award recipient, Lance will be responsible for public relations and media activities for the chamber. He



Casey Barnes '99

previously was a television reporter and anchor in Cincinnati.

Casey Barnes (biology) and his wife, Sally, donated an easement to York Township, Pa., to ensure that their land is used for agricultural purposes forever. The Barnes were the first people to donate an easement to York County who did not receive any money in exchange for preserving the land.

2000

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Katie (Wuestner) Bell (business-marketing) was named the April Mommy Master by www.mommymasters.com. She was recognized for her efforts as a working mom and entrepreneur who created Sleeve Savers.

Rosalee "Rosie" Wise (biology) was recognized for her efforts as the garden and youth coordinator for North Hills Community Outreach, where she plans and oversees the Rosalinda Sauro Sirianni Garden in Bellevue, Pa. She has worked with more than 200 volunteers and grew more than 3,000 pounds of food for families and community members served by the agency's food bank programs.

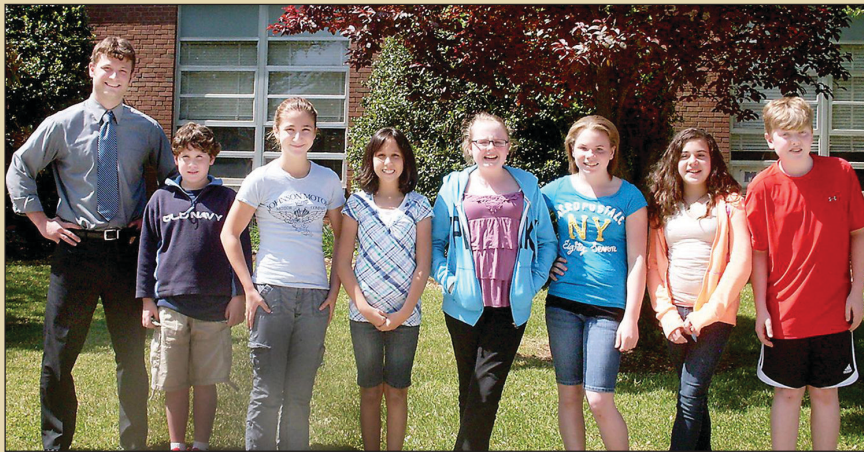
2001

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2002

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Austin Duckett (business) has been named director of student engagement at Widener University in Chester, Pa.



Jared Morris '03 with his students from William Wetsel Middle School in Virginia

Transatlantic teaching

By Savannah Hanford '15

Teaching American history sometimes requires more than one perspective. For Jared Morris '03, this means having his middle school students collaborate with their peers overseas.

Morris, who earned a bachelor's degree in history and secondary social sciences education certification, has taught at William Wetsel Middle School in Virginia since 2007. He developed a program called Project: U.K. in 2011 to link students from the middle school with the St. Roberts of Newminster School in northern England after being a participant in the University of Virginia's Transatlantic Teacher Scholars Program.

As part of the program, Morris worked with British teacher Lauren Winters on a research project about the transatlantic slave trade in Barbados. The two decided they could teach this project at a middle school level and use technology to connect the students. The students also would be required to publish a final project each year.

Project: U.K. is a team comprised of 15 to 20 students who are selected and approved by teachers based on grades and disciplinary history and an essay they write in which they describe the ways they will be a good addition to the team.

The program runs from March to May and culminates in a final physical project, such as a film or mock newspaper. Meeting mostly during school-time club periods, the students also come in on Saturdays to directly correspond via video chat and blog sites with their English counterparts, whose team is titled the America Project.

"The program is beneficial because students develop historical researching skills and a deeper understanding of an important event or topic all while collaborating with, and learning about, a different culture, that culture being that of their British 'cousins,'" stated Morris.

In 2011, the students' project was an in-depth look at the Underground Railroad. Project: U.K. members worked together to create fake "primary sources" from various groups of people involved in the slave trade. These sources were then sent to the America Project, where they created an abolitionist newspaper.

Last year, Project: U.K. and the America Project worked together to create a news broadcast about the Boston Massacre. Morris took his students on a field trip to the Library of Virginia to view documents and artifacts firsthand to prepare for their research and final project.

This year, the students will research John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry in 1859. The final project will involve the creation of a documentary put together by both teams.

In March, he presented his work with Project: U.K. at the National Council for History Education conference in Richmond, Va.

Spring Moore (English-literature) was named the Williamsport (Pa.) Area High School Teacher of the Year for 2012-13. The Odyssey of the Mind team that she coached was Pennsylvania state champions and advanced to the World Finals at Michigan State University, where they placed 12th out of 56 teams. She teaches 12th grade British literature and composition and is the Class of 2015 adviser.

2003

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Elizabeth Brescia (political science) earned a master's degree in nonprofit management at Notre Dame of Maryland University in 2012.



Adam Makos '03 with sister, Erica '07

Adam Makos (business-marketing), a *New York Times* best-selling author, visited Lycoming's Streeter Campus Store on April 5 with his sister, **Erica '07**, to sign copies of his second book, *Voices of the Pacific*. His first book, *A Higher Call: An Incredible True Story of Combat and Chivalry in the War-Torn Skies of World War II*, was published in December. Adam also held two book-signings later that day at Williamsport's Otto Book Store.

Jessica (Heckman) Reed (corporate communications) is the manager of digital and social media for the enrollment management department at Syracuse University. She is responsible for the planning and implementation of digital and social media strategies for the undergraduate admissions office, the financial aid office and others. In addition, she serves as the publicity and online media chair for the Central New York chapter of the Public Relations Society of America; on the advisory board for Social Media Breakfast Syracuse; and as the social media manager of the Central New York chapter of Girls in Tech.



Sisters Lauren (Detwiler) Cooley '05 and Lynn (Detwiler) Zitta '11 of Williamsport's Cooley Dance Company

Creative talents at work

By Maranda Poe '14

Lauren (Detwiler) Cooley '05 is putting her photography degree to work through her employment in her family's business, Cooley Dance Company.

Cooley and her mother-in-law teach the majority of the dance classes with the assistance of Cooley's sister, Lynn (Detwiler) Zitta '11. The studio, which opened in 2008, offers classes to more than 200 students in ballet, tap, jazz, pointe, modern, hip-hop, acrobatics, musical theater, and stretch turns and jumps.

While at Lycoming, Cooley taught tap for the Dance Club. This experience helped her decide to become a dance teacher after graduation.

"It was fun being able to share a passion of mine with some of my closest friends in college," Cooley said. "Having a dance club allowed for a relaxed, no-pressure atmosphere, which was not too intimidating for beginners to branch out and try. As for experienced dancers, it allowed for an environment to explore different dance styles and depending on everyone's workload per semester – we could be as much or as little involved and still get to dance. Dance Club was inspiring, watching all of us teachers from different backgrounds come together and produce creative and powerful dances. I realized what a difference dance made in my friends lives, so in opening my own dance studio I could continue to share my knowledge and teach."

Cooley also designs the programs, tickets and recital T-shirts each year for the studio. She believes that her photography degree enables her to better promote the studio.

"I especially enjoy shooting dancer. My senior photography project revolved around photographing dancers and I feel that I am able to capture them in way that a non-dancer cannot," she said.

The company also annually participates in Williamsport's Little League Parade and Christmas Parade. The studio was part of the 2012 Mummies Day Parade in South Williamsport and won the best overall award and best in dance division award.

"Lycoming helped mold me into a well-versed individual," she said. "I gained valuable leadership skills and had many opportunities to develop my creative talents."



Destiny Zeiders '03

Destiny Zeiders (theatre-acting) won a world championship in barrel racing on the Appaloosa Horse Circuit in 2012 and won a reserve world championship, a national championship and was ranked overall as No. 1 in the nation in Barrel Racing and Figure 8 Stake Race in 2011. In June, one of her horses received the Lifetime Supreme Horse award. She trains her own horses and works full-time as a research analyst for the agriculture and rural affairs committee at the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

2004

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2005

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Olivia (English) Zapel (chemistry) graduated from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania with a master's degree in middle level instruction. She teaches in the alternative education program and biology in the Warren County (Pa.) School District.

Dr. Amy Curry (biology) was named resident of the year in her surgical residency program at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She began her fifth and final year of surgical residency in July as the chief resident of her program.

2006

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Jamie (Hershey) Arnold
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Jennifer Schilansky (theatre-acting) is the resident equity stage manager for the Kitchen Theatre in Ithaca, N.Y.

2007

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Amanda Smolarek (biology) earned a doctorate in biochemical toxicology from Rutgers University of Pharmacology and Toxicology and The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in January. Amanda is a mammalian toxicologist at FMC Corp., where she manages contracted toxicology studies, evaluates the toxicity of new active ingredients and formulations, and contributes to critical toxicology reviews of FMC products around the globe.

2008

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Amil Guzman '08

Amilcar Guzman (psychology) has been accepted into the Partners of the America's Fellowship in Paraguay. The fellowship aims to build relationships with professionals and organizations in a diverse community setting that is centered around citizen advocacy, participation, transparency and accountability. Amil also participated in the Out of the Darkness overnight walk in Washington, D.C., June 1-2, to help raise awareness for depression and suicide.

Kyle Kissell (religion-German) returned to campus to give a presentation in the College Archives on April 12. He has been developing his storytelling repertoire at Renaissance fairs and other venues. His work is available at www.kyletheunnecessary.com. Kyle earned a



Kyle Kissell '08

From diagnosis to destiny

By Dana Borick Brigandi

When Heather (Nelson) Lanning '06 was a student at Lycoming College, she was active in the Colleges Against Cancer club and was a speaker during the annual Relay For Life event.

But what many of her classmates didn't know was Lanning was battling stage two Hodgkin's lymphoma that was diagnosed during the final semester of her senior year.

"I was diagnosed on Jan. 13, 2006, it was Friday the 13th, so it is hard to forget the date," Lanning said.

Lanning received chemotherapy every other Tuesday during the semester, which was physically and emotionally draining.

"I was in a lot of pain and was pretty much bed-ridden," she said. "My professors were very understanding and my schedule was modified accordingly."

After six months of chemotherapy and a month of radiation, Lanning was declared cancer-free in August 2006. Lanning said many people remember her survivor speech during the campus Relay because she did something very drastic.

"Most people did not know how sick I was because I always wore my wig," Lanning said. "I vaguely remember my speech – I wrote about how cancer patients are like Samson, we might not have any hair and are physically weaker, but it doesn't dampen our Warrior spirit. Out of the blue, I decided I was whipping off the wig, because I knew it would be more impactful."

Lanning said the all-volunteer Relay For Life shows the power that a group of passionate people can display.

"If you are ever in need of a healthy dose of restored faith in humanity, go to a relay," she said. "After seeing one event, I knew I had to be a part of it, which eventually led me to my career with the American Cancer Society."

Lanning now is the income development specialist for the East Central Division of the American Cancer Society in State College, Pa. She said that Hena Ahmad '04 was just starting her cancer journey as she was finishing hers and that they were fortunate to reconnect before Ahmad's passing.

"When Hena passed away in 2010, Lycoming College held a memorial service for her in Honors Hall," Lanning said. "It gave Hena's friends, professors and loved ones a chance to reconvene in a place that held many special memories. Hena loved her time at Lycoming, and we all were given the opportunity to come 'home' to say goodbye. As you can see, Lycoming does not forget its own and this makes me very proud to say that I am an alumna of Lycoming College."



Cancer survivor Heather (Nelson) Lanning '06 helps the American Cancer Society "celebrate more birthdays."

master's degree in German studies at Ohio State University.

Mallory McDonald (accounting), a senior international tax accountant in finance at Legg Mason, recently was selected as one of Maryland's 20 in their 20s. She serves as a board member of the Perry Hall High School Alumni Association and as treasurer for the nonprofit, Pushing Pink Elephants. Mallory also helped create Legg Mason's Externship Program for high school students and is the finance intern manager and coordinator.



Mallory McDonald '08

Melissa (Spink) Kiehl (astronomy-physics), a mathematics instructor at North Idaho College, received the 2012-13 Chairman's Award, which is given to a faculty member who has shown outstanding performance in a supporting role.

Lauren Raby (biology-chemistry) graduated from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine with a doctorate in osteopathy on June 2. That same day, she was promoted to captain in the U.S. Army. She began her residency in obstetrics and gynecology July 1 at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Airman **Abbey Whittaker** (sociology-human services) graduated from Air Force basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. She completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

2009

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Jamie Lynne Drucker (communications) recently celebrated the first anniversary of Social DC Public Relations, a Washington, D.C.-based public relations firm she co-founded. Jamie's clients and events have been featured in *USA Today*, *The Washingtonian*, ABC News and more. Learn more at www.socialdcpr.com.

Jacqueline (Szymanski) Shepherd (English-literature) is a design assistant at Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in Boston, Mass.

2010

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Pamela (Burke) Drager (psychology) is the primary prevention coordinator at the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Warren County, Pa.

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Kyle Hickman '10

Taylor Ramsay (biology) is a physician assistant at Susquehanna Health's Savoy Plaza in Montoursville, Pa.

Maranda Ward (English-literature) graduated from Rutgers University with a master's degree in library and information sciences in May.



Maranda Ward '10, center, with family

2011

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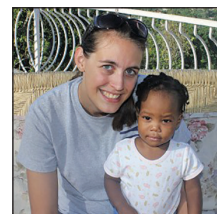
Nina Cline (criminal justice and public policy) graduated in May from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York, with an MPA specializing in investigation and operational inspection, as well as receiving a certificate in terrorism studies.

Ashley Loeb (political science and international studies) recently took a mission trip to the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Cambodia, Nepal, India,

Rwanda, Uganda, South Sudan, Romania and the Ukraine through The World Race organization.

Ashley wrote about her experiences on the blog, ashleyloeb.theworldrace.org. She also has taken three mission trips to Haiti and Ecuador.

Elizabeth (Logan) Moris (corporate communications) is a marketing coordinator at Environ-Civil Engineering Ltd. in Elkridge, Md. She also is a freelance graphic artist at Social DC Public Relations, a Washington, D.C.-based public relations firm co-founded by **Jamie Drucker '09**.



Ashley Loeb '11



Elizabeth (Logan) Moris '11

Jamie Reed (psychology) is pursuing a master's degree in mental health counseling through Walden University. She is employed as a drug and alcohol counselor at Genesis House in Williamsport, Pa.

2012

Sara Bartholomew (music) recently celebrated the first anniversary of Mona Lisa Cakes, the bakery she co-owns with her mother. Due to its success, they expanded the business to a new location in Williamsport, Pa.

Samantha Clasen (Spanish and psychology) recently began the master's degree program in speech-language pathology at the University of South Carolina.

Army Reserve Spc. **Martha Herriman** (criminal justice) graduated from cadet training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, she studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching and other field training exercises.

2013

Kasey Lyon (art-graphic design and photography) is a multimedia and gallery assistant at Converge Gallery in Williamsport, Pa.

To read a listing of alumni and friends in attendance at many of the weddings shown on this page, please visit www.lycoming.edu/alumni.

1 Cassie (Heromin) and Jeff Bennett '94, Sept. 8, 2012, at Bucknell University's Rooke Chapel.

2 Alicia (Hahn) '05 and Sean Murphy '06, Dec. 31, 2012, in Clarke Chapel.

3 Laura (Nafey) '07 and Austin Ashley '07, March 2, 2013.

4 Ashley (Deitrick) '09 and Matthew Winder, May 25, 2013, in Montgomery, Pa.

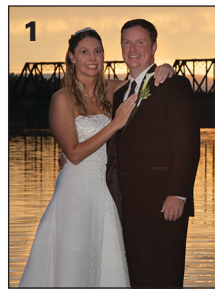
5 Jacqueline (Szymanski) '09 and Ian Shepherd '10, Oct. 13 2012, at Tuck'd Inn Farm, Cooksburg, Pa.

6 Pamela (Burke) '10 and Spencer Drager, Dec. 15, 2012.

7 Kristin (Newman) '10 and Rodney Knock '10, June 30, 2012.

8 Elizabeth (Logan) '11 and Kevin Moris '09, May 24, 2013, at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club, Kent Island, Md.

9 Justine (Bush) '12 and Lucas Paquet, May 4, 2013, in Montgomery, Pa.



- 1 Kimberly (Silzle) '95** and Charles Thiele, a son, Ryan Charles, Aug. 8, 2012. He joins three sisters, Renee, 12, Becky, 9, and Jill, 6.
- 2 Carlen Smith '97**, a son, Elliott Charles, April 3, 2013.
- 3 April (Sparks) '98** and Justin Orwig, a son, Bryce Justin, Oct. 26, 2012. He joins sister, Reagan, 4.
- 4 Mindy and Lance Barry '99**, a daughter, Brooke Olivia, Nov. 9, 2012. She joins brother, Benjamin.
- 5 Caren (Del Bove) '03** and **Eric Holzhauer '02**, twin sons, Andrew Patrick and Colin Conrad, March 27, 2013.
- 6 Jacqueline (Stires) '03** and Matthew Schap, a daughter, Leyna Marie, March 24, 2013.
- 7 Sarah (Johnson) '04** and Dale Grieb, a daughter, Gillian Renee, May 6, 2013. She joins siblings David, 5, and Emmalia, 3. Grandparents are Renee and **Gil Johnson '80**.
- 8 Virginia (Breining) '05** and William Weigle, a son, Colton Samuel, April 22, 2013. He joins brother, Kolin.
- 9 Kristen (Colgan) '05** and Trent Tice, a son, Taven Dean, June 12, 2011.
- 10 Olivia (English) '05** and Patrick Zapel, a daughter, Tesla Olivia, July 7, 2012. She joins brother Isaac, 2.
- 11 Jessica (Urlick) '06** and **Heath Oberlin '06**, a daughter, Reese Caroline, July 27, 2012.
- 12 Liza and Anthony Kopp '07**, a daughter, Brooklyn Mackenzie, Jan. 8, 2013.



The Last Road Trip

By Joanne Long Fenstermacher '80

My father, Henry Lewis Long '48, '56 loved road trips. He learned to love them from his father, Dr. John W. Long, president of Lycoming from 1921-55. After choosing a destination, he would spread maps over the dining room table, tracing the roads with his index finger until he found the best route. His favorite destinations always had something to do with his many varied interests – civil war battle sites; history, art and science museums; wildlife preserves; shoreline sites; and hiking trails. Another interest was photography, and he would take wonderful pictures of our travels.

On the designated day of the trip, he'd wake us up before sunrise, eager to get on the road.

For most of our earlier adventures, Dad drove a shiny new yellow Malibu. We would all pile in, still half asleep, knowing that something new and exciting was about to be revealed to us.

There was the trip to the bird preserve in Delaware with his brother, John. Cindy, Betsy and I were excitedly watching the trees for birds when Dad and Uncle John told us about the wonders of the tick and its remarkable feeding habits. We quickly lost interest in the birds, and began watching our exposed limbs for ticks instead, much to their amusement.

Then there was the trip to Washington, D.C., to visit Dad's brother, George, who gave us a whirlwind tour of northern Virginia's historical sites, the city's monuments, and the highlights of the Smithsonian – all in one day! I remember brief flashes of gemstones, Lincoln's massive statue and the lawn of Mount Vernon. But, most of all, I remember Cindy, Becky and me chasing after our long-legged uncle as he raced ahead of us, listing all the facts that he thought we should know.

When we were teenagers, after mom had our youngest sister, Jennifer, dad traded in his beloved Malibu for a Volkswagen mini-bus. Now he began

road trips by calling, "Hurry up—the bus leaves in 15 minutes." The five of us would pile in the sliding door, and hear the solid click as he secured us inside.

All he had to say was that he'd like some company, and we'd drop whatever we were doing and go along for the ride.

Years later, after I married and moved to New England, first Boston, then Connecticut, Dad would come to visit with family members in tow, and the road trips started anew. This time, I was the photographer, and I took my camera everywhere we went.

There was the trip to see the homes of the Transcendentalists in Concord, the North Bridge and the beautiful old tombstones nearby. And we couldn't miss the Freedom Trail in Boston, with Quincy Market, the Old North Church and Old Ironsides. Quincy Market, with its many food stalls, was the hands down favorite.

After Dad retired, he'd visit me in Connecticut. We had plenty of time for hiking in the Berkshires, watching the Portuguese fishing fleet come home to Stonington, and visiting Mystic Seaport, where he posed for pictures on their whaling ship.

I once roped him into a tour of the Yale campus hoping to interest him in the rare book collection at the Beineke Library, but before we got there, Dad spotted an artisan ice cream shop, and he pulled me out of the tour line and into the shop. Only after polishing off a double cone would he agree to visit the art museums.

The last road trip I took with my father was in August 1998. Soon after, I would become too ill to travel, although I didn't know then.

My dad came for a week's visit, and we planned several trips – the Connecticut shoreline in Fairfield and Westport, the Litchfield Jazz Festival in Goshen, and the Five Colleges area of western Massachusetts, where I'd spent the summer of 1997. I'd told my father about all of my solo road trips that I'd

taken that summer – to Northampton, Amherst, Hadley and Deerfield. He wanted me to show him where I'd been.

Our trip started in Northampton, the home of Smith College. During our lunch, we began to talk about one of our favorite poets – Emily Dickinson – how she used such profound words in the disguise of the common meter, which is also used in the theme to Gilligan's Island and the song "The Yellow Rose of Texas." We laughed about how you can sing: "Because I could not stop for Death – He kindly stopped for me –" to either tune.

We decided to visit the Belle of Amherst's home. We sat in her garden and talked about her obsession with death; how she became interested in the subject after spending her early years in a home facing an old New England graveyard.

This reminded Dad of his love of the old tombstones unique to New England. He asked if there were any nearby. Deerfield had some interesting old stones, so we headed north. We spent the next couple of hours reading inscriptions, marveling at the carvings of skulls and angels. Soon, we headed home, neither of us knowing that this would be our last trip together.

I want to share with you a Dickinson poem in memory of that last trip. I first read it in William Styron's novel *Sophie's Choice*. Styron's family, like my father's, resided in the Chesapeake area for many generations. It is about a loved one's grave.

Ample make this bed—
Make this bed with awe—
In it wait till judgment break
Excellent and fair.

Be its mattress straight—
Be its pillow round—
Let no sunrise' yellow noise
Interrupt this ground—

And now my dad is off on his final road trip. I picture him driving away in his shiny yellow Malibu, young and strong. I don't know where he's headed, but someday I hope to hear all about it. I'll want pictures.

Fenstermacher lives in Simsbury, Conn., with her husband, Peter Drew Fenstermacher ('79).



*Joanne Long Fenstermacher '80
with her father, Henry Lewis
Long '48 '56*

1938

Marion (Rice) Wirth, of Williamsport, Pa., May 2, 2013. Among survivors is her husband, **Charles Wirth Sr. '38**, and son, **Charles Wirth Jr. '74**.

1939

Charlotte (Adelman) Kotzen, of Sarasota, Fla., Sept. 13, 2012.

Lois (Davidson) Wallace, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., Jan. 21, 2013.

1940

Richard Donovan, of Jersey Shore, Pa., March 4, 2013.

1946

Portia (Grover) Hall, of Penney Farms, Fla., Feb. 22, 2013.

1947

Betty (Taggart) Boettger, of Chenango Forks, N.Y., March 29, 2012.

Ruth (Lorrah) Henry, of Richmond, Va., April 20, 2013.

1948

Donald Turner, of Medford, Ore., Dec. 10, 2012.

1950

Janet (Brown) Johnescu, of Sebring, Ohio, May 11, 2013.

1951

John Cogswell, of Santa Barbara, Calif., Sept. 3, 2012.

William Kay, of Clinton, N.Y., April 5, 2013. Among survivors is his wife, **L. Jeanne (Umble) Kay '48**.

E. Scott Newcomer, of Selinsgrove, Pa., March 20, 2013.

1952

Harry D'Addio, of Lemoyne, Pa., April 14, 2013.

Charles Heiney, of Allentown, Pa., May 21, 2013.

1955

Joseph Moglia III, of Spring Lake, N.J., May 9, 2013.

1956

Henry Lewis Long '48 '56, of Carlisle, Pa., March 16, 2013. He was the ninth child and last surviving son of

former Lycoming president, Dr. John W. Long, and Mildred Lewis Long.

He was born in Old Main on Sept. 30, 1929, and graduated from both Dickinson Prep and Lycoming College, and went on to earn a master's in education from Penn State University. He was an elementary school principal in various towns throughout Pennsylvania, and was an active member of the United Methodist Church and the Sierra Club. He served in the Air Force from 1949-52.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Overdurf Long, and five daughters, including **Cynthia Brown '79** and **Joanne Fenstermacher '80**; five sons-in-law, including **Peter Drew Fenstermacher '79**, and six grandchildren. Also surviving is a sister, **Jean (Long) Dunkleberger '47**, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held June 29 in Clarke Chapel. He was buried in the Long family plot at Wildwood Cemetery in Williamsport, Pa.

1957

John Whitehead, of Montoursville, Pa., April 9, 2013.

1958

Norman Fritz, of Palmyra, Pa., July 14, 2012.

1959

Frank Sullivan Jr., of Montoursville, Pa., March 5, 2013.

1960

Lois (Dangle) Beach, of Cogan Station, Pa., May 2, 2013.

Joseph Brungard, of Alfred Station, N.Y., Feb. 18, 2013.

The Rev. Dr. Richard Handley, of Elkhart, Ind., May 16, 2013.

Jan Kuczma, of Keymar, Md., June 16, 2013.

1961

Kathleen (Knapp) Holt, of Victor, N.Y., May 13, 2013.

1962

Harold Hopkins, of Roaring Branch, Pa., June 18, 2013.

1963

Thomas King, of Montoursville, Pa., April 26, 2013.

1965

The Rev. Dr. Robert Edgar '65 '81H, of Burke, Va., April 23, 2013. Edgar was a member of Lycoming's board of trustees from 1984-87 and received an honorary degree and the Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1981 and 2008, respectively.

For the past five years, Edgar was president and CEO of Common Cause, a nonpartisan organization in Washington, D.C. A Democrat, Edgar was a six-term Pennsylvania congressman. He also was president of the Claremont School of Theology in California and served as secretary general of the National Council of Churches.

He earned a master's in divinity from the Drew Theological School in 1968. He was an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church.

Edgar is survived by his wife of 48 years, Merle, three sons, along with his mother, two brothers and eight grandchildren.

1966

Robert Ballinger III, of Philadelphia, Pa., April 30, 2012.

1972

Eleanore (Weston) McCoy, of Williamsport, Pa., March 30, 2013.

1978

Beatrice Rucker, of Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 11, 2013.

1985

Ralph Phelepps Jr., of Camp Hill, Pa., April 20, 2013.

1994

Susan (Hoegel) Jorgensen, of Hainesport, N.J., March 20, 2013.


1995

Louis Colquitt, of Williamsport, Pa., April 14, 2013.

F R I E N D S

Joseph Kelly, Ph.D., of Haddonfield, N.J., April 26, 2013. A former executive director of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, he received an honorary doctorate in humane letters from Lycoming in 2011.

John Schreyer, of Nashua, N.H., March 15, 2013. He was a member of Lycoming's board of trustees from 1978-87.



THE BILLMANS

ACCOUNTING FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Carol (McDivitt) '76 and Jeff Billman '77 credit Lycoming College for giving them a solid foundation that offered them the opportunity to move forward in their careers and retire early.

As retired accountants, the Billmans understand the financial impact that their donation to the college can have in helping others obtain a Lycoming education. This is the main reason why they made plans to include the college in their will. Their bequest will help to fund scholarships for students in need, ensuring that future generations will have access to a great education.

"We had always planned to retire early and worked to that goal," Jeff said. "I loved my career, but it did not define me. I had a unique opportunity to retire even a little earlier than planned, and decided to go for it. We always thought that there are so many interesting things to do and hoped to be able to enjoy them while we were still relatively young."

The Billmans lived in Mechanicsburg, Pa., for more than 30 years before retiring and moving to Hilton Head Island, S.C. Jeff was the chief financial officer for a property development and management company near Harrisburg, Pa. Carol was an accountant at Holy Spirit Hospital near Camp Hill before beginning her "second career" teaching group fitness and training classes at the Harrisburg Area YMCA.

"Although we moved to Hilton Head Island for full-time retirement, we still find many ways to be active," Jeff said.

Carol, who played tennis at Lycoming, and Jeff, who played basketball, enjoy outdoor sports such as tennis, golf, kayaking and riding bikes. Jeff is the board treasurer at his local country club, a Stephen Minister at St. Andrews By-The-Sea United Methodist church and a hole captain during the PGA's annual Heritage Golf Tournament. Carol stays busy by working at a local racquet club, a "Life is Good" store and volunteering at their church.

"Lycoming was a very important part of our life – we met each other there – and it had a huge impact on us," Jeff said. "I played basketball when Dutch Burch was coach and was impressed with his concern for us as students and individuals; he was a great guy."

▲ Carol (McDivitt) '76 and Jeff Billman '77

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